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"He Was a True Gentleman"

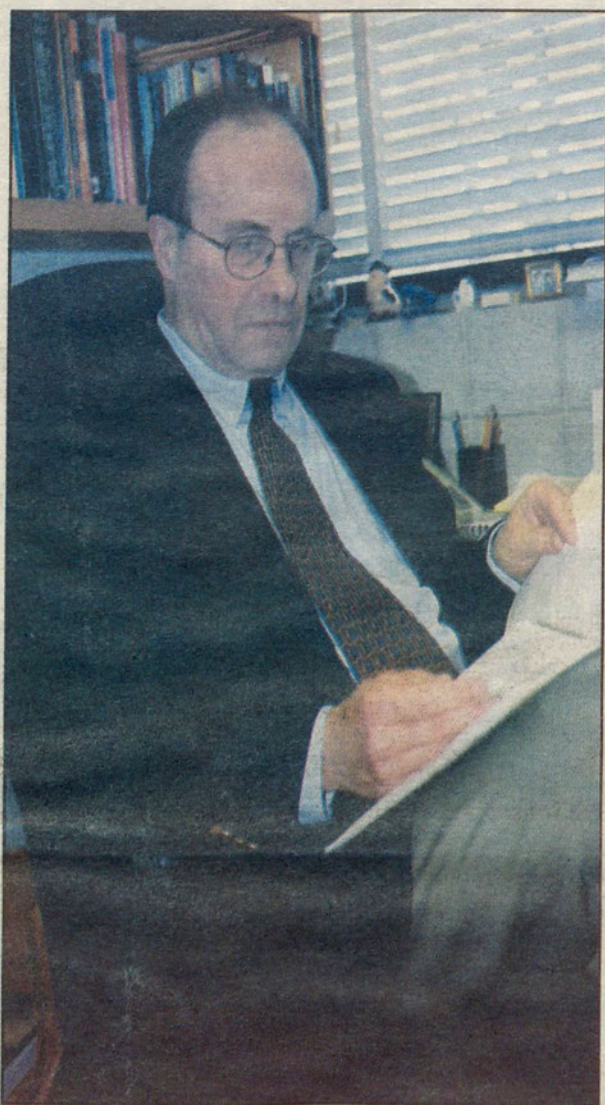


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Above and right: Dr. Michael V. Metallo, a professor in the History Department. Metallo died unexpectedly on Monday, Sept. 10. Students and faculty remember him as a quiet, but enthusiastic instructor who loved to teach. Metallo leaves behind his wife of 44 years, three children, and several grandchildren. His funeral was held Friday, Sept. 14.

Dr. Michael V. Metallo, associate professor of history, dies unexpectedly after more than 40 years at Providence College

BY BETH LENEHAN '08
NEWS EDITOR

One week has passed since the sudden death of Dr. Michael V. Metallo, associate professor of history, but he is still very much on the minds of the Providence College community.

"He was a wonderful teacher and just a wonderful person. He was extremely unpretentious," said Dr. Matthew J. Dowling, assistant professor and chair of the department of history. "The College has lost one of the most steadfast, dedicated, talented teachers as well as the most versatile."

Dr. Paul Quinlan, professor of history, agreed. "He was a true gentleman in every sense of the word," said Quinlan.

Remembered as a quiet, private man who was devoted to both his family and his students, Metallo "never sought recognition for himself," said Dowling.

"He was dedicated primarily to teaching students," he added.

Metallo taught history in the undergraduate, graduate, and school of continuing education programs. With a specialty in East Asian history, Metallo was one of the founders of the Asian studies program in 1989 and also taught in the Development of Western Civilization program, according to Dowling. Metallo was known for being learned in both the fields of eastern and western history.

"He never got stale," said Dr. Richard Grace,

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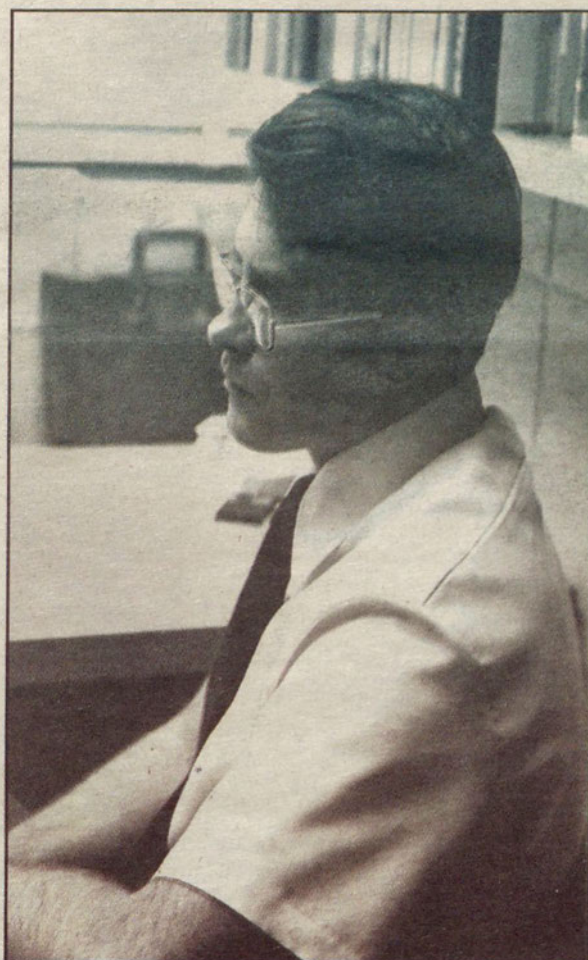


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Panel Addresses Congress on Alcohol Abuse Report Plans

BY CHRIS DONNELLY '08
NEWS STAFF

At a Student Congress meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 18, a panel of College administrators discussed the revised report on alcohol abuse written by the members of the Committee on Campus Culture, Conduct, and Civility (the Four C's committee). The revised report included action steps that are said to help curb alcohol abuse on campus.

"We need all the information we can get. We need to be an even playing field," said Andrew Fechtel '08, executive president

of the 58th Student Congress.

Fechtelt said he invited each panel member because of the role he or she plays in student life relating to alcohol abuse. The administrators invited were Kevin Butler, dean of judicial affairs; Sharon Hay, director of the Student Activities-Involvement-Leadership (S.A.I.L.) Office; Richard Kless, director of off-campus living; Charles Haberle, assistant vice president of academic affairs; and Dr. Steven Sears, dean of residence life.

"It gave us the opportunity to pose questions to students," said Haberle. "It is real-

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COMMUNICATING A NEW MAJOR?

BY DEVIN MURPHY '10
NEWS STAFF

Providence College's lack of a communications major has led two students to reach out and communicate with fellow students via Facebook. Tom Cotter '10 and Amanda Ritchie '10 started a Facebook group, "Communications Major at Providence College," in hopes of generating support to bring a communications major to PC.

"We had twenty five [members] at our peak that were interested," commented Tom Cotter. The group has been up and running for about a year now.

"I'm majoring in English, but I want to become a journalist," said Jon

LaBrecque '11, a member of the group. "[I] think I might need to go to grad school because I'm not actually majoring in some sort of communication."

Cotter and Ritchie are trying to raise awareness for the cause around campus.

"It's hard because a lot of people think Facebook groups lead to nothing," said Cotter. "It's a good starting off point."

Cotter is currently majoring in Public and Community Service. Ritchie is undeclared, but is considering American Studies.

"I wouldn't be undeclared if we had a communications major," said Ritchie.

"The big reason we're doing it is to improve the school," said both Cotter and

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professor of history. "He kept up with his own field and generally DWC."

Grace remembers Metallo as a professor whose popularity with students was unrivaled.

"Mike's popularity with students was consistent—he always got a good response," said Grace. "He was a very learned man, yet also good-natured."

According to Grace, students enjoyed having Metallo as a professor not only because of his lectures, but his sense of humor.

"One of the things students enjoyed beyond his lectures was his sense of humor. It was low-key," said Grace. "It wasn't a performance in class; it was his nature. The same good humor showed through."

Dr. Raymond Sickinger, professor of history and public and community service studies and director of the Feinstein Institute for public service, said Metallo "could laugh at himself, which is a quality a lot of people do not have, but we all should."

Metallo was also known for having his office door open. Dr. Mario DiNunzio had the office next to Metallo's for over 25 years.

"[Metallo] had a great respect for scholarship," said DiNunzio. "He was very devoted to his students and was in his office for many hours with his students. He was very generous with his time."

DiNunzio added that through his devotion, he earned the respect of the College community.

"He was a quiet person, yet I don't know of anyone as well respected on the entire campus," said DiNunzio. "He earned everyone's respect."

Sickinger was a friend of Metallo's for 33 years and spoke at his funeral. He said he remembers Metallo as a man of "quiet greatness."

"He was very dedicated to studies and

his students," said Sickinger. "He was always willing to step forward and serve the PC community in various ways. He was a great teacher—he was absolutely phenomenal with students."

Metallo was known for volunteering to help the community, including stepping forward to help the Undeclared program when it first began and being a voice of reason and moderation during department meetings.

"He was a great voice of reason and moderation," said Dowling. "He could come up with a practical compromise. He was really intelligent, bright, and articulate."

According to Sickinger, Metallo had "all of the qualities to stand out," but was a quiet and private man.

He remained quiet on many topics, including his career prior to becoming a professor. Before teaching at Providence College, Metallo served in the military and worked for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). According to Grace, Metallo's fluency in Mandarin Chinese also enabled him to study history from sources most couldn't read.

Though it may seem unclear how Metallo made the leap from the CIA to teaching history, Sickinger said he believes he can offer an explanation.

"I think he was looking for a career that could meld all these things, all his interests together," said Sickinger.

He added that Metallo's interest in East Asian studies was a personal one that began before receiving his Master's degree.

Metallo's classes "regularly filled up" said Grace and Peter Meegan '08 said Metallo's passion for East Asian history came through in his lectures.

"Dr. Metallo was a great man," said Meegan. "I had him for sophomore Civ, and then I also had both of his Asian history courses, the Transformation of East Asia, and Modern East Asia last year. Dr. Metallo was great in class. Especially in

his specialty, the Asian history classes, he was top notch. He also had an ability to reach us students using down to earth language . . . He was liked by all of us in the class, and he was funny as well. There was also an evident concern for the students. He was flexible if necessary, knowing that a lot of students have a lot going on."

Alex Neus '10 said he remembers Metallo as a man who brought energy to the classroom.

"Dr. Metallo's enthusiasm and passion to teach truly inspired his students," Neus said. "We could all see his passion for his subject because his students were always ready to learn. He was a great teacher who impassioned his students."

Beyond the classroom, Metallo was devoted to his wife, children, and grandchildren.

"He was a fabulous husband, father, and grandfather," said Sickinger. "He was the rock and center of his family."

Added Robert Deasy, associate professor of history: "Mike was a perfect gentleman. He knew his subject matter, was a cooperative member of the department, and was a good family man."

Sickinger said Metallo loved being at home with his family.

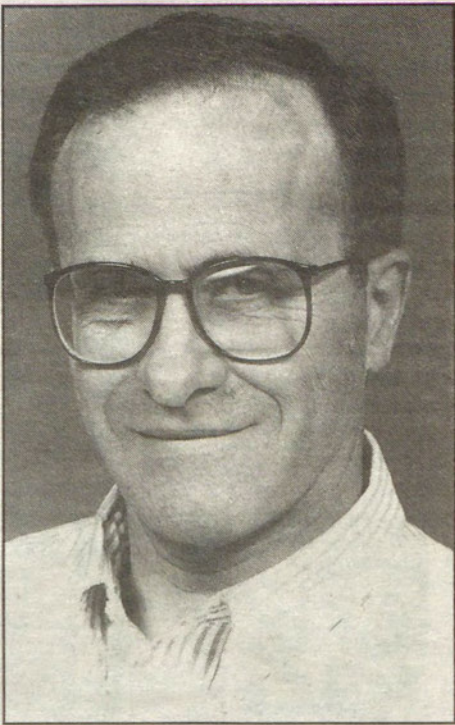
"He loved to be with his kids and grandchildren," he said. "The most important thing to him was to be home at suppertime to hear what his children had to say."

Travel was also one of Metallo's passions. "He enjoyed traveling—seeing new things, getting away from the ordinary," said Sickinger.

At the funeral, Sickinger said he quoted Chinese thinker and philosopher Confucius and his five values that constitute perfect virtue.

"The five virtues are gravity, generosity of soul, sincerity, earnestness, and kindness," said Sickinger. "Mike was all five—he was that kind of person."

Sickinger said that Metallo's passion for



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Dr. Metallo has been remembered for both his reserved demeanor and his passion for teaching. In addition to his lengthy career at PC, Metallo served in the military and worked for the CIA.

teaching and for his students never left him throughout his long career.

"He got a kick out of students," he said. "He always realized that a group of students were coming under his care and wanted to give them the best experience. He never lost that."

Added Dr. Margaret Manchester, director of the American studies program and associate professor of history: "He was the hidden gem of the history department."

Student Running Marathon for Awareness

BY MELISSA SILVANIC '08
NEWS STAFF

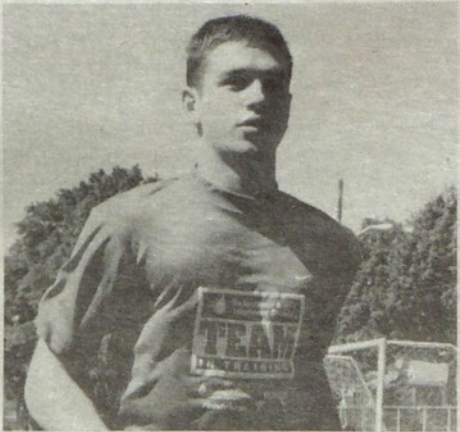
Leukemia is the number one killer of children ages one to 14, but Providence College's Brendan McKeague '09 is determined to make a difference. On Jan. 13, 2008, McKeague will run in the Walt Disney World Marathon and will raise research money for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin lymphoma and myeloma.

STUDENT
LIFE

"Even if you don't know me, it's for a good cause. I want to engage the Providence College community and get people involved," said McKeague. "I tried to get more PC kids involved, but there wasn't much of a response. Maybe next year."

McKeague, a native of Alexandria, Va., transferred to PC from Coastal Carolina University, S.C., after his freshman year. His sister, Erin, graduated from Providence College in 2007, and is willing to support her brother any way she can.

"I would love to support him in any way



MATT LONGOBARDI '10/The Cowl

Brendan McKeague '09 is training to run a marathon to raise money for cancer research.

I can," she said. "I think it's so great what he's doing. He kind of came out of the blue with the marathon idea and it's so great he's using his abilities to do something as good as this. He's really dedicated to it and the fact that he's giving so much to others is amazing."

Although McKeague has never run a marathon, he said he played soccer throughout high school and has always been physically active. He decided to run the Walt Disney World Marathon this summer.

"I love being in shape, and I want to get back to that level. This is the best way to do it," said McKeague.

McKeague said he will run the marathon completely independently, but a program called Team in Training helps him with a training schedule. A coach offers group runs on Sundays along with knowledge and support to the Rhode Island runners. McKeague is currently running the "novice" training level and runs 6-7 miles a day with one day off each week. Eventually, McKeague will run 20 to 22 miles at a time before the big day, but will never complete a full 26.2 miles until his Orlando, Fla. debut. The Rhode Island chapter of Team in Training is supporting a 10 year old girl with leukemia and hopes to succeed in raising as much money as possible.

McKeague's personal goal is to raise \$4,000 by December. He has created a

Facebook group with a link to the donation website where the PC community can see who has donated, top contributors, and how much progress McKeague has made.

"I'm completing this event in honor of all individuals who are battling blood cancers," said McKeague.

McKeague will also join the ROTC program this year. "This year is all about committing myself academically, mentally, and physically, and the marathon and ROTC are big parts to my commitment," said McKeague. "My father is in the military and for the longest time I wanted nothing to do with it, but these past few years I have been thinking about it. I love the idea of service."

Anyone wishing to offer support to McKeague can visit his donation Web site at:

<http://www.active.com/donate/tntri/tntriBMKeag>

CALENDAR		September 21 to 27					
CAMPUS	21 Friday	22 Saturday	23 Sunday	24 Monday	25 Tuesday	26 Wednesday	27 Thursday
	1 p.m. Voter Registration Drive, Slavin Center.	9 p.m. Norman Magic Experience, Slavin Center '64 Hall.	2 p.m. Back Bay Saxophone Quartet, Smith Center Ryan Concert Hall.	8:30 a.m. Blood Drive, Slavin Center '64 Hall.	8:30 a.m. Blood Drive, Slavin Center '64 Hall.	5 p.m. Relay for Life Information Meeting, Feinstein 400.	4 p.m. Calendar Committee Open Forum, Moore Hall III.
	4 p.m. Senior Class Welcome Barbecue, Slavin Lawn.	9 p.m. Senior Night in McPhail's.			3:30 p.m. Career Services: A Career in Government, Politics, International Business, and Finance, Slavin Center 112.	5 p.m. Lecture: Radical Islam and Politics in the Middle East, Smith Center Ryan Concert Hall.	5 p.m. Career Services: Recruiters Panel, Moore Hall I.
	7:30 p.m. Concert: "Therefore I Am," Slavin Center '64 Hall.						

Dr. Sickinger Combines Faith and Service

BY JOE MILLER '10
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

As director of the Feinstein Institute for Public Service and professor of public and community services, Dr. Raymond L. Sickinger '71 knows what it means to help others.

FACULTY

Sickinger's dedication to service, however, is not limited to the classroom. For 21 years, he has been involved in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, rising to become national vice president for the international Catholic charitable organization.

"It's seeing the face of Christ in the poor, maintaining the dignity of the person," said Sickinger in describing the mission of the society. "That's really what it means to be a part of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul."

Sickinger originally became involved with the group through a personal connection: his grandfather was active in the local conference.

"When he passed away, I heard of the great things he was involved in," said Sickinger. "I became very intrigued, it spoke to me very powerfully. I made a decision to join and eventually developed in the leadership part of it."

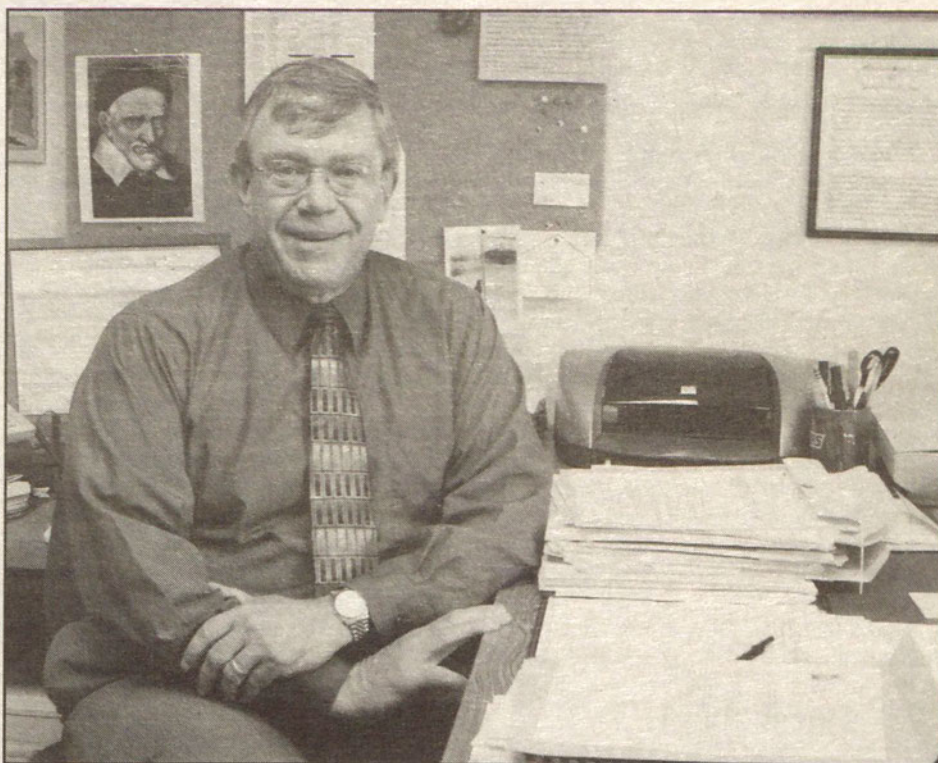
During his time with the Society, Sickinger has held a number of positions that have allowed him to work on a wide variety of projects. Starting out as a local conference president and moving up to oversee the district and diocesan councils, he served as director of the Northeast region before being named vice president and being appointed to the Board of Directors.

Currently, Sickinger's responsibilities include managing prison ministry, disaster relief services, and foreign aid. He is also involved in a multicultural diversity initiative, which he said is intended "to help the Society more able to assist people of different cultures" and also promote diversity within the organization.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was established in Paris in 1833 and spread to the United States 12 years later. St. Louis, the site of the first American conference, remains the "home base" for the Society today, according to Sickinger, who generally attends meetings and events there several times each year.

Although the Society's activities take many forms, Sickinger said that its principal way of helping those in need is through home visits.

"We become a kind of support system of friendship, and that's the primary way we try to help," he said.



KATIE HOGAN '09/The Cowl

Dr. Raymond Sickinger, director of the Feinstein Institute for Public Service and professor of history at Providence College, has been involved in the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul for 21 years and now holds the position of national vice president, in addition to serving on the organization's Board of Directors.

In describing one recent example, Sickinger said, "we would sit with [the family] and they would tell us what their needs were and we would determine what aid is appropriate."

In this case, the family in question was faced with an unusually high electricity bill. Sickinger and his wife, Patricia – executive assistant to the vice president for academic affairs at the College – were able to arrange for the electric company to perform an assessment to bring the cost to a more manageable level.

The Society also takes part in more general, community-based assistance.

"From time to time in a particular area, we'll realize there's a need for a service," he said, mentioning low-cost pharmacies and clinics as examples.

Even political work is not beyond the reach of the Society, as Sickinger said that the group is in regular communication with members of Congress.

"We have a very strong advocacy program," he said, "so we work very closely with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in helping to sponsor various pieces of legislation."

Currently, the international administration of the society has asked its affiliates in

the United States and Canada to focus on the Caribbean and Latin American areas for giving aid.

"Places like Haiti, Panama, Mexico," explained Sickinger. "We support them not just with money, although that might be needed, but with money, expertise, and so forth."

"I've been trying to pair up councils in the U.S. who have expertise and are willing to match up for something like that."

Through his current position on the Board of Directors, Sickinger is responsible for suggesting various policies, programs, and changes that need to be considered. He has also been "intimately involved" with formation of new members, especially in New England, with workshops in several cities throughout the region.

In addition to these activities, Sickinger is also the composer and author of the two official hymns of the Society in the United States: "In the Arms of Saint Vincent" and "To Lead a Better Life."

"When we gather together at various national events and such, most of the time they'll be used," he said.

As a professor of both history and public service, he has also been able to incor-

porate his unique experiences into his work at the College.

"It's been wonderful to bring what has been a personal commitment into the classroom," he said. "It's very interesting, as a historian, to be involved in something that is so powerful nationally and worldwide, and to be able to present to the students its strengths and weaknesses as one of the largest Catholic non-profit organizations."

The Dominican tradition of Providence College also holds a connection to the Society, and Sickinger feels that it is no coincidence that the school has played such a positive role in his work. Frederic Ozanam, founder of the Society, was close friends with Jean-Baptiste Lacordaire, a Dominican preacher who played an instrumental role in the development of modern Catholicism.

"This starts my 34th year at PC. During the time I've been involved in the Society, the college has been very supportive of me and the Society," Sickinger said. "It comes naturally."

At the end of each year, the College holds a clothing and furniture drive, the proceeds of which are donated to the Society.

Sickinger's efforts have not gone unnoticed by his students, who are struck by his faith and his dedication.

"I was impressed by his enthusiastic attitude towards teaching. He genuinely cared about educating and he approached every class that way," said Anthony Boguslawski '08. "I learned lessons that extended beyond the classroom... that pertained to life and my place in society."

Today, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul claims approximately 120,000 members in 135 countries around the world. Along with the Congregation of the Mission, Daughters of Charity, and others, it is a member of the Vincentian family of organizations that look to St. Vincent de Paul, a 17th-century French priest, as their patron. As Sickinger points out, it has come a long way from the group started by the 20-year-old Ozanam when he was just a college student.

Despite acknowledging the enormous amount of effort required, Sickinger speaks entirely positively of his involvement in the Society.

"Sometimes people will say, 'how do you find the time to do all the service?' he said. "I have gotten far more out of doing things for the Society than I have ever given. It's amazing how it comes back to you. It's reinforced family and friends, not detracted from them."

Panel: Administrators Explain Reasons for Plans

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ly an open dialogue."

Sears said he wanted to be part of the panel because of his interest in student life.

"Anything that affects student quality of life, I want to hear about it," said Sears. "It was good to hear students' feedback and specific questions regarding the report."

Two of the five members of the panel are on the Four C's committee, which issued the revised report, which was introduced in an e-mail sent out by Rev. Brian Shanley, O.P., president of the College, on Sept. 6.

"The only setback I think was that they just saw the report and we just saw the report," said Yara Youssef '08, chair of the clubs and organizations committee.

In the e-mail, Father Shanley said, "I encourage everyone to read the report, and I trust that everyone will support the steps that we are taking to create a healthier campus culture."

The purpose of the panel was to discuss the changes being made to the campus and not whether some recommendations should be reconsidered, since the committee's report has been finalized.

Topics discussed included McPhail's, academics, interactions with the surrounding community, residence life policies, Alcoholics Anonymous, city enforcement,

and other student-related policies.

"What was revealing from my end was Student Congress recognized that there were events relating to alcohol that needed to be addressed," said Sears, who later listed events like minors drinking in off campus bars as one of the issues he saw Congress acknowledge.

"The question that was raised a number of times was student engagement and academic rigor," said Haberle. "It is an area where we need to have a continuing dialogue with students, faculty, and administrators."

The report recommended that classes be more challenging, which would give students less time to drink if they aim to achieve a satisfactory grade.

"[The Office of Academic Affairs] is striving to make changes to enhance the academic experience at our college," said Haberle.

One topic addressed by Sears was whether sophomores should be in the apartments and suites with juniors and seniors. He asked the people in attendance if they thought it would be better to have seniors and juniors pick first and not be allowed to house with sophomores. He said that sophomores might have some rooms reserved just for them in the suites or apartments.

"Having sophomores live there, they are

more prone to be exposed to alcohol," said Sears. "This is something we have been wanting to institute." He explained that the issue is not just about alcohol abuse, but allowing juniors and seniors the privilege of living in the suites and apartments.

"I believe it should be by seniority. A junior should get it before a sophomore," said Austin Rotondo '11.

"Grade isn't necessarily indicative of maturity level," said Allison Filepp '11. "The current system is not really fair, but I still want to live in the suites."

Questions regarding community relations were typically addressed by Kless, who spoke of his involvement in neighborhood groups and with other local colleges. Several questions were posed about the enforcement of the city's drinking laws, with some saying that this would be the most effective change.

"I am concerned mostly with community relations and how the school works with the city to eliminate alcohol abuse," said Sarah Highland, vice president of the class of 2008. "I think the city of Providence needs to enforce its laws."

According to Fechtel, Congress will be issuing its own report on the alcohol abuse recommendations. Congress representatives, committee members, and related organizations (B.M.S.A) will be coming together to give their input relating to their

own aspect of representation.

"Students are very aware of the alcohol report in general," said Fechtel. "I think it went well. We still have a long way to go but it is a good starting block."

"I hope students always feel that this is our community and they feel they can contact administrators with their ideas," said Sears.

"We need a lot of student input to make sure everything is fair," said Youssef. "I hope that students take it upon themselves to read the report. I think the majority of students know it exists, but I do not think the majority of students have looked into yet."

"I actually did skim it," said Thomas Dickinson '10. "I think everything sounds good but I doubt they can do the things they want to carry out."

Turn to page 10 for *The Cowl's* answer to the debate over the alcohol policy:

A&E's Fall DVD Guide

Program Allows for Workplace Experience

BY RICK KURKER '09
NEWS STAFF

Some students view college as preparation for future careers. The PC Executive Career Mentor Program allows them to get a feel for their desired careers well before graduation.

CAREERS

According to Stacey Moulton, assistant director of career technology and counseling in the office of career services, and Kathleen Clarkin, director of career planning and internship service, the program is a collaboration between the President's Council, the office of career services, and the office of college relations. The program took off in 2006, when 19 juniors were paired with executives in a variety of career fields, and new mentors for the upcoming year are currently being recruited.

"The PC Executive Career Mentor Program is beneficial because it provides selected students the unique opportunity to be paired with a member of the President's Council, a group of executives and community leaders, for a three-semester experience," Moulton said.

Clarkin said the program allows students to work with experienced people in certain fields.

"The mentoring relationship facilitates the career development of students through ongoing personal guidance and advice as well as exposure to the professional world and opportunities in both Rhode Island and beyond," said Clarkin. "The mentor program expands experiential programs sponsored by Career Services such as the alumni-student career network, the winter break shadowing program, and diverse internship offerings."

According to Moulton and Clarkin, students involved in the program are given the opportunity to receive guidance through monthly visits and shadowing sessions, network with other professionals in their chosen career field, and attend professional and external meetings. Students are also able to attend a networking reception with their fellow participants.

"Students receive guidance regarding

career and industry trends, professional competencies, resumé feedback, and assistance with their internship, job search, and graduate school planning, as appropriate," Moulton said.

Students, however, are not the only ones to benefit from the program.

"While students benefit from the expertise and guidance of mentors, President's Council members, in many cases alumni, strengthen their relationship with the College and contribute to student learning and success," said Clarkin.

Both Moulton and Clarkin agreed that the program has been a success, based on program evaluations and positive feedback from students. Comments received from involved students include increased knowledge about their respective professional goals, heightened confidence in interacting with executives, and better networking skills. All in all, these students indicated that the program has given them much hands-on exposure to the professional world, well beyond that which they would have received in the classroom.

According to Moulton and Clarkin, of the 19 student participants in last year's program, seven acquired valuable internships at their mentor's organization. Additionally, one student was hired for a summer internship based upon her public speaking performance at the mentor networking reception. Another student got the opportunity to have an international experience as part of his paid summer internship, while at least two others are already discussing post-graduation offers. Many others were able to participate in special projects beyond the original scope of the program.

Andrew Koen '08 participated in the program last year. Koen said he had always been interested in the defense industry but did not have much knowledge about how business was done in the field. To complement his interests, the mentor program paired him with Peter Smith, director of maritime domain awareness of Raytheon Company.

"Through Pete, I was able to work internationally with a very successful program in the Japan Program Management

Office," Koen said. "This greatly expanded my knowledge of the defense industry and gave a great hands-on experience in how international business is done."

Koen said that his experience at Raytheon made him greatly respect the work done in the defense industry, as the people he met over the summer were very dedicated to supporting the war and making sure that products that are put on the battlefield will work every time they are to be used.

"Working in various disciplines such as program management, business development, contracts, and integrated supply chain, I now know that this is the kind of work that I see myself doing for a career," he said.

As an intern, Koen was given the opportunity to travel to Turkey and Japan. Though the Turkey trip did not occur due to a coworker's personal conflict, Koen said he will be going to Japan this year with his supervisor. He was also able to continue working at Raytheon part-time during the school year.

Additionally, he said he has been given the opportunity to apply to the Japan Program Management Pipeline Program and the Contracts Leadership Development Program. Koen said he is grateful to Moulton and Clarkin for selecting him from the program, as well as to his advisor and mentors at Raytheon.

"Without this mentoring program and meeting Pete, none of this would have been possible," he said. "I cannot say that enough to stress the importance of that and everything that Pete has done for me."

Cullen Beatty '08 also participated in the program last year, and has described his experience as very successful.

"The President's Council Mentoring Program has been one of the most positive and beneficial programs I've been involved with at college," Beatty said. "As a management major with a finance minor, I sought out a professional with a background in investment banking and private equity."

According to Beatty, his experience with his mentor reinforced his desire to stick with the career path he had chosen.

He said that the program gave him a "very honest and candid look at some behind-the-scenes nuances of middle-market investment banking."

Furthermore, Beatty said the most rewarding part of the experience was that his mentor was completely honest with him, giving him insight on how to approach situations and emphasizing the importance of building relationships and acting with integrity. He said he also received an offer to intern in his mentor's office over the summer, during which he was able to gain additional real-world experience.

"We had a 'corporate golf outing' at the end of the summer where I was able to play my mentor's golf course, which was a humbling but fun experience," he said. "I was also allowed to sit in on multiple meetings and meet with executives who would openly explain strategic plans."

Beatty said that while his mentor was a bit intimidating and busy at times, he made himself available to him whenever he had a question.

"I think the turning point in my experience was letting my mentor know how seriously I took the program and how much I wanted to get out of it," Beatty said. "As soon as I clearly laid out my expectations and what I hoped to achieve, it became easier for both of us."

In accordance with the program, mentors are encouraged to guide their mentees through their senior year, making themselves available for resumé consultation, graduate school planning, and any other career questions and guidance that might arise. A day or partial day of observational shadowing, which allows for a full day of hands-on professional experience, during the mentee's junior year, is also emphasized.

"I can honestly say that I hope everyone who participates in the program has as positive an experience with it as I did," Beatty said. "I think the President's Council Executive Mentoring Program has an undeniably bright future ahead of it and know it will continue to be a great resource Career Services offers students."

Major: Students Use Facebook to Stir Interest

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Ritchie. "People have come here [to PC] even though they wanted to major in communications because they loved PC," said Cotter.

Cotter and Ritchie have gone to administrative officials with the plan to broaden the liberal arts reputation of the school. Rev. Mark D. Nowel, O.P., Ph.D., dean of undergraduate studies, expressed much interest in the students' cause and provided them with the necessary information and paperwork to begin the process.

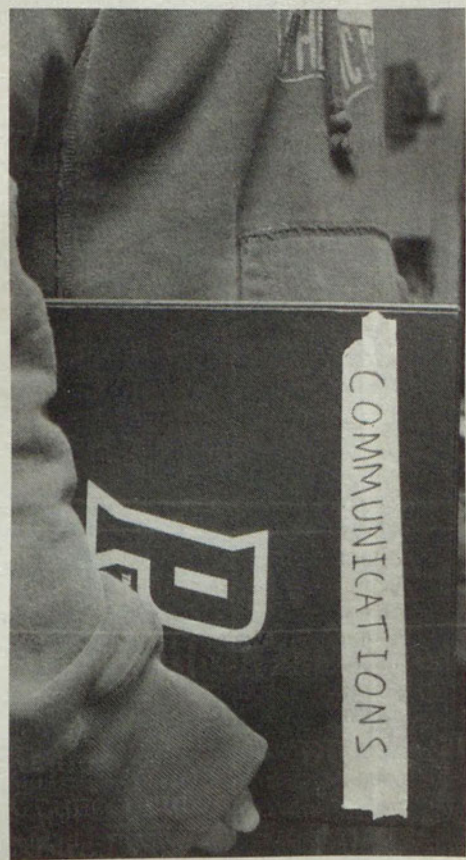
"I've recognized for a long time that there is interest in communications majors," said Father Nowel. "Providence College's position for any new program, major, of course is: Is it appropriate for our mission? Can we offer a program, major, course, etc. that is high quality? Can we afford it with the resources we have at our disposal, given the priorities we already have?"

"Everyone was really excited," said Cotter. "They wanted to help us and they gave us all of the information. It's really hard to just make a major, so we're starting off with a minor."

First introducing a communications minor will show more concrete interest in the idea of a communications major from students. After the interest has grown, funding will be allotted for a major.

The Committee on Studies first must review the proposal for a new major/minor. After careful consideration and suggestions by the Committee it is sent to the Senate Faculty. The Senate Faculty then must vote on the proposal. If it passes through the Senate Faculty the President of the College must approve it.

There are seven requirements which must be met in order for a proposal to be



MATT LONGOBARDI '10/The Cowl

Tom Cotter '10 and Amanda Ritchie '10 have been trying to raise interest in the possibility of a Communications major at PC via Facebook.

reviewed and voted. It must have a cover letter from the department chair, and include the department vote on the proposal and the date of the vote. The cover letter must be followed by a description of the major/minor which is uniform with the Course Catalog. A list of existing courses

which are needed and any new ones that need to be created must be included. An argument advocating the implementation of the major/minor must be presented. The argument must express "the interest of students, needs of the community for graduates with this credential," the number of interested students, and the objectives of the major/minor. And a letter of support from each involved department must be included. Finally a list of faculty, facilities, and pre-existing and needed resources must be submitted.

The final stages of the proposal in the Senate Faculty are rigorous voting stages. The proposal must first be passed by the Department, after which it is sent to the Dean. Currently, a communications minor is being debated by the English Department. The Dean then presents it to the Committee of Studies. If it is passed there, it proceeds to the Faculty Senate President. The Faculty Senate President presents it to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate. If it receives approval there it must then be sent to the Faculty Senate as a bill, including both committee reports. If the bill is passed by the Faculty Senate it is finally voted on by the college President. If the President votes to approve the bill then a new program is developed.

Cotter and Ritchie are seeking faculty support for the proposal and future major/minor.

"We haven't really broadcasted the need yet, but we need faculty support. We have some [professors] in mind. We have all the teachers, all the space, and all the classes for it [minor], but for a major we'll need more funding," said Cotter.

"I think that if we had the ability to take those classes without taking them as electives it would be much easier," said

Ritchie.

Students have graduated with degrees in communications from PC in the past. However, they had to declare an individualized major in order to do so. No students or faculty members have previously attempted to get approval for a communication major.

PC TV has showed support for Cotter and Ritchie's cause. They are looking for more support from student organizations around campus.

Cotter said he has always been interested in a career in communications, but he became certain that he wanted a career in the field when he worked on a television show for PBS.

"The TV show got me interested in it [communications] and then I joined PC TV and that got me really into it," he said.

An information session rallying support for establishing a communications major was hosted by Cotter and Ritchie last semester.

Providence College currently does not offer a communications major or minor. Most other liberal arts schools which are competitors of PC do offer a communications major. Boston College, Fordham University, and Villanova all provide students with the opportunity to major in communications.

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British Girl Still Missing in Portugal

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EUROPE: England

On May 3, nine days before her fourth birthday, British girl Madeline McCann went missing. It has been 4 months since her disappearance despite an intense international investigation. Madeline was vacationing with her family in southern Portugal when her parents put her and her two siblings to bed and went out for the night. Upon returning, they reported that she was gone and her bedroom window was left open.

Soon after the report, Portuguese police carried out a search with dogs in a villa near the apartment where the family was staying.

Pictures were put up everywhere and the Spanish police and ports were put on alert without success. Portuguese police continue to investigate and just last week, the McCann's returned to England after a 4 month vigil in Portugal.

Continuing the search, forensic tests were conducted at government British laboratories, finding evidence indicating that DNA from Madeline's blood was found in the trunk of the rented car her parents used in Portugal after she disappeared.

Portuguese police confirmed this information last week, even though the couple maintains their innocence, stating to AOL News, "We have played no part in the disappearance of our lovely daughter Madeline."

Previously, the only suspect for the case was a British man who lived near the hotel. Now, the Portuguese government is holding that Madeline's parents Kate and Gerry McCann, who are both doctors, are key suspects.

English and Portuguese media have criticized the parents, for failing to check on their children on the night of the disappearance.



Gerry and Kate McCann at a press conference hold up a picture of their 4 year old missing daughter, Madeline, in an effort to raise awareness of her disappearance.

Portuguese newspapers have even suggested that Mrs. McCann could face charges of homicide by negligence.

Diaries kept by Kate McCann and Gerry McCann's laptop were both confiscated in order for the police to investigate further in the case. Portuguese police also intend to collect some of Madeline's toys for investigation.

This past week, a Portuguese investigating judge began examining the police file, containing 3,000 pages on Madeline's disappearance. The judge is expected to announce a decision next week on further steps in determining the cause of her disappearance.

Meanwhile, Madeline's family has been planning an 80,000 pound advertising campaign urging people to keep up the search for Madeline.

Madeline's uncle, John McCann stated his plea to the British people saying, "I hope that the general public will continue to support us in this. It is so important that we remember- 'don't you forget about me,' our lovely wee Madeline," according to *The New York Times*.

The family has drawn attention around the world because of the extensive international campaign they have led.

The British population has taken this disappearance to heart, and local communities have tried to raise money to support Madeline's family by selling balloons.

Similarly, British celebrities including, J.K. Rowling and David Beckham, have made efforts to raise funds for the search for Madeline, accumulating \$2 million.

An official Web site has also been set up by a fundraising company named Madeline's Fund: Leaving No Stone Unturned.

Also, the family has toured Europe with photos of Madeline and stuffed animals, even going as far as meeting with Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican.

The McCann family, being devout Catholics, had Pope Benedict XVI bless a picture of Madeline and have taken their prayers to the sacred shrine of Fatima in Portugal.

The family continue to keep their hopes up that their daughter Madeline will be found soon.

Ask PC

Do you think the Portuguese government is handling the McCann disappearance appropriately?



"It is wrong of the government to ask pointed questions... [but] it is important to look at immediate family first."

Molly Heverling '11 & Samantha Brilhante '11



"I don't see a problem in suspecting the parents with the evidence that has been found."

Kelly Donnelly '08

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Thai Plane Crash Kills 89

One-Two-GO's MD-82 aircraft bursts into flames

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ASIA: Thailand

Half a world away at one of the world's most sought after vacation destinations, an aerial tragedy occurred on Sunday, September 16.

An MD-82 aircraft owned by the Thai budget airline One-Two-GO burst into flames during a landing sequence at the Phuket Island airport.

So far 89, of the 130, passengers have been confirmed dead.

A majority of the passengers who lost their lives were European, while 34 were Thai.

The passengers in the front of the plane fared best in the crash, as 36 of the 41 survivors were sitting in rows 18 through 29.

It is speculated that these passengers were thrown from the plane.

Passenger Parinwit Chusaeng was interviewed by a Thai television station as saying, "I saw passengers engulfed in fire as I stepped over them on the way out of the plane. I was afraid that the airplane was going to explode, so I ran away."

After almost fully recovering from the devastating effects of the 2004 tsunami,

the island of Phuket has yet another disaster on its hands.

According to BBC News, the traffic control tower at Phuket airport authorized the pilots of the MD-82 aircraft to abort their attempted landing.

However, once the plane's landing gear touched the ground the aircraft was seen already engulfed in flames and began bouncing on and off the runway.

"The control tower allowed it but the aircraft fell to the runway and the body broke," a Phuket aviation official reported to a Thai news station.

An investigation concerning the cause of the crash is currently underway.

Aeronautics expert Jim Ekee speculated to CNN.com that the accident may have been caused by a "micro burst," which can be described as a sudden and intense rainstorm occurring without sufficient warning.

Eye-witnesses confirm his hypothesis.

The plane allegedly may not have had updated equipment to deal with the severe weather.

One-Two-GO is one of the first budget airlines to operate in Thailand.

The One-Two-GO crash is the deadliest Thai plane crash to occur in almost 10 years. In December of 1998, 101 people were killed when a Thai Airways plane crashed while attempting to land in similarly heavy rain at Surat Thani.



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The Sunny Side
Positive News Stories in a Negative World

Fish Ponds Help Victims of AIDS

BY AMANDA SILK '08
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AFRICA: Malawi

While the correlation between fish ponds and AIDS relief is not immediately obvious, the benefits derived from fish ponds by AIDS victims are undeniable.

The WorldFish Center, a non-profit organization based in Malaysia, is behind the project to develop fish ponds in southern Malawi.

According to its Web site, the mission of WorldFish is "to reduce poverty and hunger by improving fisheries and agriculture." Additionally, their vision is "to be the science partner of choice for delivering aquaculture and fisheries solutions in developing countries."

Malawi is a landlocked country of Africa whose impoverished inhabitants rely mainly on farming for nourishment. Unfortunately, due to environmental irregularities and the economic effects of AIDS on the workforce, little food is cultivated from farms. The introduction of small fish ponds provides an alternative, protein-rich source of food.

WorldFish has established 1,200 fish ponds for families who have lost vital members due to AIDS.

"The purpose of the project is to develop technologies and practices in fish production that are specifically suited for orphan and widow-headed households," Daniel Jamu, the Regional Director for

WorldFish in Eastern and Southern Africa said in a statement issued on the organization's Web site.

The ponds cost only \$200 to make and \$10 to stock. It takes 20 people approximately four days to dig a fish pond. The pond is filled by rainwater or the water table, and the fish are fed with farm waste.

An additional benefit of the ponds is the ability of the owners to sell their fish at market, and WorldFish reported that the income of these families has doubled.

The families are also eating 150% more fresh fish, and in the past three years, the rate of malnutrition among children under five years of age has dropped to 15%. Daniel Jamu has indicated that the next step is helping farmers band together to market their produce in town, where they will make more money.

The success of WorldFish is statistically evident, as its Web site boasts, "Assessment of impact of the work done with partners has shown that every \$100 invested in WorldFish projects has resulted in \$134 annually worth in benefits to the poor."

Due to the overwhelming success of this project, WorldFish is looking to bring another 26,000 ponds to families of AIDS victims in Mozambique and Zambia. WorldFish is pursuing an ambitious goal of reaching out to 134,000 people.

WorldFish has partnered with Globalgiving.com to establish a way for people interested in the Malawi project to donate money to assist in the stocking and building of fish ponds.

Week in Review

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Local

Patriots' Integrity Questioned

"This has been an extremely difficult week for our organization," remarked Patriots owner Robert Kraft in a statement posted on the New England Patriots Web site. In recent days, the Pats organization was accused of and admitted to using sideline video to capture defensive signals being sent from coaches to the opposing team's players in real time. "We have spent the last 14 years developing and building a franchise that people could embrace and support," Kraft said.

According to NFL reports, Patriots coach Bill Belichick will be fined \$500,000, and the team \$250,000. Also, if the Pats make it to the postseason, they will lose their first round draft pick for the 2008 draft, or alternatively if they do qualify for postseason play, the team will forfeit its second, or third round draft pick.

While Kraft claims that he knew nothing about the "Patriots-Gate" as it is being called, Belichick has apologized and accepted full responsibility. The two both said they are moving forward and hope to put it all behind them.

National

Police Officer Steals at Traffic Stops

A former Memphis police officer has

been sentenced to 18 months in prison according to a press release from the Department of Justice. Trennis Swims pled guilty this past spring following accusations that he stole money from two drivers he had pulled over during routine traffic stops in September 2006.

Due to the nature of the crime, the Department of Justice has found Swims to have also violated Civil Rights laws by using his position for criminal activity. The department has said that it is keeping a watchful eye on incidents such as these, seeing police crimes as a reflection on the law enforcement system as a whole and actions such as those of Swims as major abuses to the integrity of the nation's law enforcement.

Following Swims' sentencing they also announced a statement saying, "During the past six years, the Department of Justice has prosecuted 25 percent more color of law cases and convicted nearly 50 percent more defendants. . . than during the preceding 6 years."

International

Earthquakes Rock Indonesia

On Wednesday, Sept. 12, the strongest earthquake since 2004 struck Indonesia, registering at 8.4 on the Richter scale. Hours later, a second earthquake, a 7.8

magnitude, rocked the island and then on Thursday a 6.4 magnitude was felt. Reports indicate that 13 people have been killed.

The worst destruction occurred on the West Coast of Sumatra near the cities of Bengkulu and Padang.

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono told BBC that aerial images of the island indicate that overall damage is "minimal."

Science/Technology

Next Generation Space Race

Google announced Thursday, September 13, that it would be sponsoring a competition for private companies around the world to create and land a robotic rover on the Moon.

The rover must be able to roam the surface for at least 500 meters and send images and data back to earth.

The goal is to develop a more feasible method of space exploration that will be less costly.

The competition, initially started by "The X Prize Competition" has been sponsored by Google in hopes that word and interest in the project will spread more rapidly, and has also given the company the ability to offer a hefty \$30 million award to the successful inventors.

Oddly ENOUGH

Italians Urged to Boycott Pasta

By DIANA GINGLES '08
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Rising wheat costs have fueled heated debate among Italians. Consumer groups are asking Italians to boycott pasta in protest of the projected 20 percent increase in pasta prices by the end of the year stated *The Wall Street Journal*.

On September 13, protesters in Rome, Milan and Palermo handed out free packets of spaghetti to help ease the hunger of those participating in the boycott.

The boycott is not expected to destroy Italians' love for their major food staple.



Alliance Formed in Opposition to Somali Government

By CHRISTOPHER MITCHELL '09
WORLD STAFF

AFRICA: Somalia

"I dream of an Africa which is in peace with itself." - Nelson Mandela

Conflict in the African nation of Somalia perpetuates itself under yet another new name - The Alliance for the Re-Liberation of Somalia (ARS).

This new organization, which just named its chairman last Friday, is the product of a week-long conference in the country of Eritrea, in which about 400 Islamists and other opposition leaders firmly cement their alliance in the opposition of the Ethiopian-backed transitional government.

While making clear, non-specific threats of military action, the group maintained the possibility for diplomacy, but only on the condition that their initial demands are met.

"The ARS will not enter into any talks with the so-called Transitional Federal Government before a complete withdrawal of the Ethiopian occupation army," an official statement of the ARS read, according to Yahoo News.

The statement refers to the continuing presence of Ethiopian forces in Somalia that remain since they had joined the

internal conflict in December 2006, helping to oust the Islamic regime, the Islamic Courts Union (ICU), from the country's capital of Mogadishu.

Ethiopia has been guarding its borders against Somali factions since the Ogaden War of 1977-1978.



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Left: Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed, elected Chairman of the new alliance. Right: Sheikh Hassan Dahir Aweys, a member of the alliance, who the U.S. claims has links to Al Qaeda.

After the War, Somali nationalists remained embittered that the Somali ethnic groups in the Ogaden province had remained under Ethiopian rule.

Viewing the existing presence of Ethiopian troops as nothing other than foreign occupation, the ARS has given Ethiopia two weeks to withdraw.

Similar threats have also been made to the peacekeeping African Union Force also stationed in Somalia, made up of

about 1,600 Ugandan soldiers.

With violence already prevalent inside Mogadishu, however, the Somali government is not taking such heavy-handedness seriously mainly because the government does not believe more violence can actually make an impact.



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"We don't see them as a threat since they cannot add to or reduce to the explosions already taking place in Mogadishu," said Musse Kulow, spokesman of the Somali prime minister to Al Jazeera. He even claims that those currently carrying out the attacks are choosing not to associate themselves with the ARS.

Yet even with instability and guerrilla warfare ultimately being the norm in the capital, Kulow says that the Somali gov-

ernment supports the formation of independent political parties as a vehicle for meaningful participation.

"But we will never accept a terrorist alliance that wants to use violence to gain any progress," Kulow says.

The United States government agrees, as one top official declared on Saturday, that the country of Eritrea could be added to the list of countries that are officially recognized to harbor terrorists, according to *The International Herald Tribune*.

This observation was based on the presence of the prominent Islamic Court member Hassan Aweys at the conference - a man who had only recently come out of hiding after being added to the UN's list of terrorist suspects.

Like other members of the ICU, however, Aweys asserts that he is nothing other than a patriotic nationalist.

"The U.S. cannot present any concrete evidence for its unfounded accusations. The only problem is the interference of the United States and its servants, namely the Ethiopian leaders," Aweys told *Profile*, the Eritrean newspaper.

Aweys criticized the United States for trying to attribute the general rebellion to any one group or leader, saying that the resistance is being carried out by "all Somalis."

With the conflict's history riddled with old grudges and splintering factions, such words ring true in a country that has yet to see an end to its devastating interregnum. Somalia has not seen a stable government since 1991.



The Washington Correspondent

Mary Kate Nevin '09 Reports the Latest News From Our Nation's Capital



Bush Addresses Nation

Responding to several reports and assessments in recent weeks of military progress in Iraq, President George W. Bush addressed the nation with a new troop withdrawal plan in a televised speech last Thursday, Sept. 13. The gradual phase-out of U.S. military presence in Iraq will be based on a principle the President referred to as "return on success."

"The more successful we are, the more American troops can return home," Bush said. He called for the implementation of the recommendations of Gen. David H. Petraeus, top U.S. commander in Iraq, ensuring the return of nearly 6,000 troops by the end of 2007 and five additional combat brigades by July 2008.

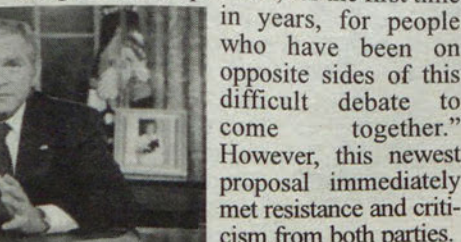
According to Bush, "the premise of our strategy is that securing the Iraqi population is the foundation for all other progress . . . [because] the success of a free Iraq is critical to the security of the United

States." On this front Bush claims "our troops in Iraq are performing brilliantly. Along with Iraqi forces, they have captured or killed an average of more than 1,500 enemy fighters per month since January." Because of this success, "Gen.

Petraeus believes we have now reached the point where we can maintain our security gains with fewer American forces." Bush indicated he is inclined to agree and accordingly, for the first time, will embrace the possibility of such modest troop reductions as was mentioned above.

The 18-minute address, Bush's eighth such speech since invading Iraq in 2003, comes amidst several weeks of Iraq policy debates, manifest through mandated organizational reports, speeches, hearings and even a presidential trip to the Anbar province in western Iraq. Through it he

called for unity, imploring the nation to overcome the divergence of opinion on this topic and "come together on a policy of strength in the Middle East" and claiming that "the way forward I have described tonight makes it possible, for the first time



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in years, for people who have been on opposite sides of this difficult debate to come together." However, this newest proposal immediately met resistance and criticism from both parties.

"In my judgment, some type of success in Iraq is possible, but as policymakers, we should acknowledge that we are facing extraordinarily narrow margins for achieving our goals," Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind. and ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, responded.

Other harsher opponents of the plan remained unconvinced that the proposed

Iraq policy contained anything of original or substantive value.

"It's an insult to the intelligence of the American people that that is a new direction in Iraq," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., told the *Associated Press*, citing that the plan would do nothing but bring the troop levels back to where they were prior to the January troop surge and when the Democrats took the Congressional majority. "We're as disappointed as the public is that the president has a tin ear to their opinion on this war."

"We can expect the administration to continue asking for more money, more patience and more sacrifices from our troops - all in the belief that our continued intervention in Iraq will eventually bear fruit," Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., said. "But this approach is not a strategy, and Americans' patience with this war has run out."

Congress is due to discuss the proposed changes to the Iraq policy legislation this week.

A Call for Religious Freedom

BY ANDREW SPARKS '09
COMMENTARY STAFF

It is important to remember that while we have the luxury of choosing whether or not we wish to go to this or that church, or worship a single God, many gods, or no god at all, religious freedom is still not a reality in many places in the world.

The Chinese government in particular has a troubled record when it comes to religious freedom, and despite its increasing importance on the world stage, the atheist regime continues to persecute Christians who answer to a higher power than the government itself. This is especially clear in regards to the Catholic Church in China, where there is a rift between the government-controlled Church, complete with its own appointed bishops without Vatican approval, and those Catholics who remain loyal to the Vatican.

Unfortunately the Chinese government claimed yet another victim two weeks ago. Bishop Han Dingxiang, age 71, passed away from an unspecified illness, thought to be lung cancer, after eight years of imprisonment. Bishop Han was imprisoned by the government for leading a group of underground Catholics who remained loyal to the Vatican, and was cremated and buried within six hours of his death, according to the Associate Press. The government buried Bishop Han in a public cemetery "with no priests or other faithful present," according to two monitoring groups. One of the groups, the U.S.-based Cardinal Kung Foundation, asked, "Why were the priests of his diocese not allowed to bless his remains, and together with his faithful, to pray for this heroic shepherd and to view his body? This is not only inhuman and atrocious but also suspicious."

That is a good question indeed, yet the most disturbing news concerning this case is the fact that it is not isolated: Deaths of bishops and priests in custody are scattered all throughout the communist government's history, which has demanded loyalty of the Church since 1951. In many instances the clergy are in their 70s and 80s when they die in custody.

Clearly then, the Chinese government must be held accountable for Bishop Han's death and the deaths of all other Christians who are imprisoned and tortured for practicing their faith free of government interference. Unfortunately no Western government wants to lead the effort, as consumers desire inexpensive Chinese goods, and so economic sensitivities win out over even the most basic human rights. However, even human rights watchdog groups have been silent about this case, for reasons unknown, although it is clear that defending the Catholic Church has never been in style.

While getting governments to budge on such issues is never an easy task, it is vitally important that we do not take for granted the rights that we enjoy each day. Every holy day that we celebrate is an affirmation of courageous men and women who have suffered and died so that we might worship as we please. It seems then, that to truly give Bishop Han the justice he deserves, we should carry his memory within our hearts and work constantly to win and exercise the God-given rights that he and so many others strive to achieve.

DWC: Lessons Learned of Love

Equality in America Still Falls Short and Hate Crimes Prevail

BY ANDY KOWAL '10
COMMENTARY STAFF

Ah, September. The semester has begun, and being a sophomore, that means a whole new year of the Development of Western Civilization.

SOCIAL

Although we are only a couple weeks into school, we have already covered so much in class.

Recently, we finished reading Thomas Hobbes and John Locke, two major political philosophers of the 17th century. Being a political science major, I've had to read Hobbes and Locke more times than I can count, but what always strikes me about their writings are the ideas of equality.

In his work, "De Cive," Hobbes basically says that everyone is equal because in the end we all have the ability to kill one another. This is a very dark, morose, and simplistic view of human nature but a true one, I suppose. Locke, in his "Second Treatise on Government," says that humans are born with the same human faculties and are thereby naturally equal.

Don't worry, I'm not going to bore you with a Civ lecture. I'm sure you freshmen are just getting used to the idea of Civ, sophomores hear about Hobbes and Locke enough in class, and upperclassmen probably don't want to be reminded at all about the stuff they had to learn and memorize in Civ. I'm merely mentioning their views on equality because a little over 300 years later, things in modern-day American society

are still not equal.

Sure America is still the land where President Lincoln proclaimed that "all men are created equal" and good old Abe was right. The only problem was that not everyone agreed with him, and today some people as well as some groups of people still don't. These are the people that instill hate in one another and advocate violence against anyone that might be different. I refer, of course, to hate groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazis. In recent times, hate crimes have become ever more apparent.

“ Robert Kennedy once said, ‘When you teach a man to hate and fear his brother . . . then you also learn to confront others not as fellow citizens but as enemies . . . to be subjugated and mastered.’ ”

In the year and a half following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the F.B.I. opened up 414 hate crime investigations involving threats or attacks on Arab-Americans, according to the *New York Times*.

Time Magazine reports that in 2003, 7,489 hate crimes were reported in the United States, over half were racially motivated and most of those directed towards African-Americans. Of the 14 murders reported as hate crimes that year, four of the victims were black and six of the victims were gay.

It will be nine years ago next month that Matthew Shepard, a 21 year-old gay college student was found tied to a post in Laramie, Wyo. after being kidnapped, robbed, and beaten to death.

In July, 1995 a group of teenagers in Cincinnati, Ohio chased down the son of a community rabbi and beat him until he collapsed. The next day, they assaulted a 58 year old Jewish man in his driveway.

According to www.civilrights.org, 73 predominately black churches have been burned since 1995.

How can hate still exist in a civilized society like ours? How is it possible for a person to have that much anger and evil inside them that they can assault or take the life away from a fellow human being based on nothing more than that person's race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or beliefs?

The reason I brought up equality at the beginning of this article is because the people that commit these horrible and vicious acts don't believe in human equality. They don't see a person that's different from them as being a person at all.

Robert Kennedy once said, "When you teach a man to hate and fear his brother, when you teach that he is a lesser man because of his color or his beliefs or the policies he pursues, when you teach that those who differ from you threaten your freedom or your job or your family, then you also learn to confront others not as fellow citizens but as enemies, to be met not with cooperation but with conquest; to be subjugated and mastered."

Thomas Hobbes and John Locke were both brilliant thinkers. They both

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Petraeus Gives Positive Iraqi Report

General Sees Progress in Iraq while Democrats Suggest Surrender

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Towards the end of 1863, President Abraham Lincoln had not one friend in Washington. The Union was on the verge of losing what would be the bloodiest war in United States history.

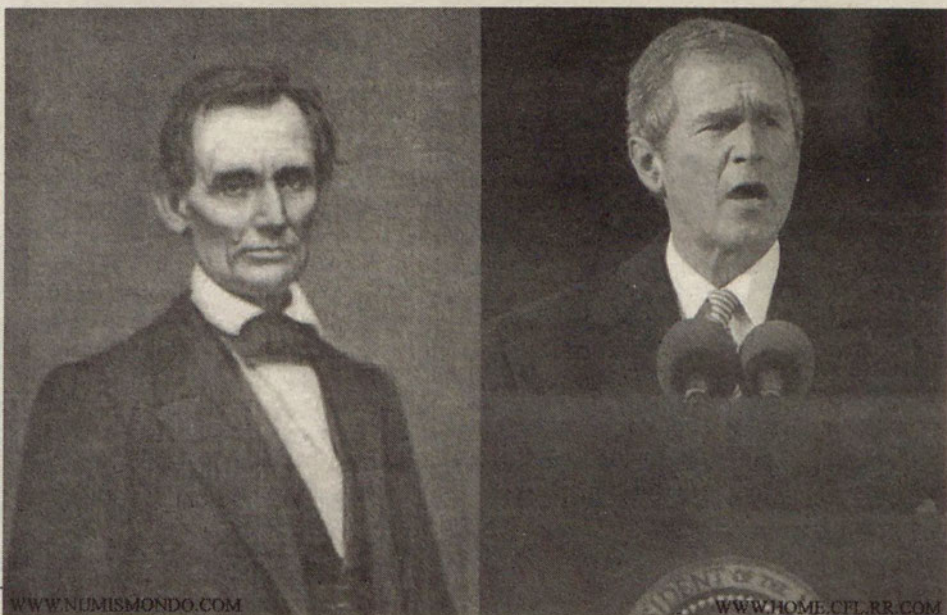
POLITICAL

American politicians and citizens alike were questioning Lincoln's decision to go to war with the South and whether or not that war could be won in light of the heavy losses and casualties that the North had sustained. The consensus was that Lincoln would lose the presidency in the upcoming election to none other than his former general George McClellan. Things got so bad for the president that at one point he wrote, "If there is a place worse than hell, then I am in it."

Lincoln is now regarded as one of the greatest presidents in our nation's history and the savior of the Union. Despite his critics, the massive loss of life on the battlefield and other problems facing the Northern army, Lincoln knew that the war could and must be won to preserve the Union and thereby end slavery in America.

The comparisons between the political climate of Lincoln's presidency and that of President George W. Bush's are striking. The United States is currently engaged in the great battle of our time. Now, instead of fighting our neighbors to the South, we are fighting Islamo-fascists in the Middle East. With General David Petraeus and President Bush in the spotlight last week, the necessity of winning in Iraq has been reaffirmed.

General Petraeus, who has been leading



Both Abraham Lincoln (left) and George W. Bush (right) have had their wartime critics. Like Lincoln, however, Bush has continued to fight.

the troops since the "surge" went into effect, testified last week in front of Congress. Before Petraeus had answered one question, the anti-war left and the main-stream media had made up their mind about the general. On the day that Petraeus was to testify, radical leftist web site moveon.org ran an ad in the *New York Times* that referred to General Petraeus as "General Betray Us." The *Times* gave moveon.org what Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss.) called the "Family and friends discount rate," charging them only \$65,000 for a full-page ad which generally runs for over \$180,000. Such behavior is nothing new from the *Times* or from moveon.org.

Democrats in Congress were also trying harder than ever to take the sting out of General Petraeus' positive report before he delivered it, and make it clear to the Iraqi people that the Democratic party is not in it for the long haul. Senate majority leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.), who just a few weeks ago announced that we had "lost" in Iraq, said that Petraeus' testimony would not be "his report but President Bush's report." Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) followed suit by saying, "By carefully manipulating the statistics, the Bush-Petraeus report will try to persuade us that violence in Iraq is decreasing."

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Letters to the Editor:

Dr. Michael V. Metallo, a great teacher who will be missed.

I was a friend and student of Dr. Michael V. Metallo for over thirty years. I last talked to him for 20 minutes in the Phillips Memorial library on September 7, 2007. We discussed books that we had recently read, politics, American foreign policy and some inane gossip. When I was a student at Providence College, Mike helped me to properly interpret history, while I successfully pursued a graduate degree in East Asian history.

Dr. Metallo also extended me the courtesy of having two of my courses in his office for a two-hour period, as there was not a quorum of five students to hold it in a classroom. Mike assigned me a book on East Asian history from the Phillips Memorial Library each week. "Go pick them out," he said. I would bring ten at a time to his office for approval. One book I chose was his Ph.D. dissertation, "The United States and Sun Yat-Sen." "You don't want to read that," he exclaimed. "I do," I said, and I did read it. I enjoyed discussing the books with Mike.

When I did my thesis requirement, Mike asked me what I had in mind. I told him I wanted to research and write about Clarence Gauss, United States Ambassador to China, 1941-1944. With his approval, I submitted a thesis of 40,000 words, selected bibliography, and 251 footnotes. It was a great amount of research, but a complete joy because of Mike's expert guidance as I

proceeded bringing it to fruition.

As a result of Mike's guidance and my desire to fill the requirements for a Masters in history, he graded yours truly with one B+ and six As. I received six credits in the history of the United States, and three credits for a course in historical methodology to round out the required thirty credits for my M.A. I received the degree in 1982 with the approval of Rev. Cornelius Forster, O.P., Professor Edward Sweet, and Dr. Metallo residing on the inquiry approval panel. I also had to pass a French language requirement exam.

Over the years since then, I would visit Mike in his office and we would have informal discussions on local, national, and international events. Mike would always find time for me if he wasn't busy. Sometimes we would meet outside campus by chance and have the conversation. Sometimes it was just a wave or a hello. He never once ignored me. Mike was a true gentleman and scholar.

I wish Mike's family my sincerest condolences. I am proud to say that I knew Dr. Michael V. Metallo. He was a good and decent man. I will remember him in my prayers. You are my all-time favorite professor and teacher at Providence College. Rest in Peace, Mike.

Russell P. Demoe '73, G'82

Hillary Clinton is no Joan of Arc

Hillary Clinton, a pro-abortion politician, is running for President of the United States of America. How did America get so lucky: A woman governing a nation and commanding a military? Hillary Clinton, the Joan of Arc of America! Who knew?

Of course, Hillary Clinton is not Saint Joan of Arc whose precious life was aborted by the politicians of France, Church and state. Joan of Arc was a humble, holy, illiterate girl. Hillary Clinton is none of the above.

This individual is a former Roman Catholic seminarian. Catholics need to realize that if they support and vote for pro-choice Clinton, they become accomplices in the continuing of the American abortion holocaust. As accomplices to abortion, these cultural Catholics commit mortal sin and they are excommunicated. Pope Benedict XVI, an academic moral

theologian, refuses to provide this theological instruction. Why?

Catholics who vote for Clinton are moral traitors. These cultural Catholics have not only made grievous moral compromises, they have abandoned their Christian morals. Lust for success consumes the pro-choice Catholics, all of whom morally condone and practice contraception. The pro-choice Catholics believe in sensual self-gratification and never engage in physical deprivation and mortification. Their religion is hedonism. These pseudo Christian Catholics never meditate on the terrible passion of Jesus the Christ because the process would make them uncomfortable.

Authentic Christians are encouraged to pray the Rosary to end the legalized abortion massacre.

Joseph E. Vallely, M. Ed.

BY ERIC FULFORD '08
COMMENTARY STAFF



"No, you may NOT
count that as one of your labors!"

Tangents and Tirades

Fergie is no spelling-bee c-h-a-m-p-i-o-n. This tangent is aimed at Fergie. I was so very glad to hear "Big Girls Don't Cry" when it came out this summer. I was not excited to hear the vocal talent; rather, I was simply pleased that she had stopped spelling during her songs. FERGALICIOUS is not a word, but I'm very glad that her backup singers can clearly spell out all those a's and i's. And then, of course, is the smash hit "Glamorous." In there, she also likes to spell. Apparently she thought that she could cover the fact that the song is merely a spin-off of JLo's "Jenny from the Block" by auditioning for the national spelling bee. Hey, Fergs, let's see how you do with 2006's winning spelling bee word: Ursprache.—**Betsy Rouleau '08**

Dispatching a message to Petraeus. Like any other good college student, I'm sure you're familiar with the song "The General" by the now defunct jam band Dispatch. The ballad tells the story of a respected general, who, in a moment of epiphany, tells his soldiers that they would not be going into battle. He says, "I have seen the others / and I have discovered / that this fight is not worth fighting. And I've seen their mothers / and I will no other / to follow me where I'm going." Clearly the song was not written about General David Petraeus, the senior U.S. commander in Iraq. In his report to Congress, which began on September 10, *The New York Times* reports that, "General Petraeus said he believed that the United States was meeting most of its military objectives in Iraq." The General suggested a gradual troop withdrawal that would leave 130,000 Americans in Iraq by next July. "He warned lawmakers that an abrupt American pullout could lead Iran and Iraq's other neighbors to intervene even more aggressively, worsening the instability and harming American interests." There will be no epiphany here, my friends, and although this fight is not worth fighting, I don't see the general singing, "You are young men you must be livin' / so go now, you are forgiven," anytime soon.—**Jackie Kramer '10**

Equality: Civ Teaches More than a History Lesson

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believed that naturally, every human was equal to every other human, though for different reasons. Though equality has greatly improved since the time in which these gentlemen lived, there is still a long way to go. Freshmen will quickly realize that some of the things they learn in Civ are worth knowing.

The reason that we're still reading Hobbes and Locke centuries after they

have both died is because their ideas are still relevant and still applicable today. Their writings are not simply words that need to be memorized for a test. Their beliefs are as significant today as they were the day they were written. The only way to ensure equality is to erase prejudice and hate from people's hearts. Until someone figures out how to do that we'll have to keep reading works by Hobbes and Locke.

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Where Did Green Day and "Wonderwall" Go?



BY AIDEN REDMOND '08
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CULTURAL

I did not watch the 2007 Video Music Awards, or as the kids call it, the "VMAs", on MTV last week, and I am proud as hell to be a part of what seems to be the minority. Why, it was not until the night before that I even knew it was on at all. Call me a recluse, call me lame, but believe it, I really did not know it was on.

To be honest, I cannot remember the last time I tuned into MTV to watch music videos. Things really have not been the same since *The Tom Green Show* and *Jackass* went off the air. Surprisingly enough, watching on as another rich sweetheart chews out her parents for getting her the wrong color Escalade on *My Super Sweet Sixteen* really is not as funny as you would think it would be.

But MTV's revamped programming schedule is not the point here, people. MTV is not entirely to blame for why I could care less about whether Mims beats out the Plain White T's for the coveted "Monster Single of the Year" award. While the VMAs do have the most extreme and super rad names for their award categories, the nominees did not really seem to be equally as awesome in order to keep me at all interested. I am still searching for a clear reason as to why Mims is so hot and why "Hey There Delilah" was playing on every rock station whenever I turned on the radio this summer. Maybe I am getting old; maybe I am getting worked up over nothing. But I think that deep down inside, everyone knows exactly what I am talking about.

Remember back in the day when pop music was actually fun to listen to? Of course you do. "Wonderwall" was a great song. I knew the words to half of the songs on Green Days "Dookie" just from kids singing it in

the hallways. Believe it or not, that was pop music. These were the "Monster Singles" that dominated the VMAs not so long ago. But times have changed in a big way. It is crazy to me when great music goes unnoticed while people actually spend money to convince themselves that Daughtry does not sound exactly like Nickelback. You know who you are, and the joke is on you.

I know what you are thinking: How could this kid *not* care about the VMA's?! Did he not know that Britney Spears performed her new hot jam live on stage? Yeah, I heard about it. As crazy as it may seem, I am about as interested in everything Britney as I was in middle school when I still did not care. The last thing she needs is to be lip-synching in public when she is just hitting her peak of neurosis. I also found out that Fall Out Boy beat out The White Stripes for the "Best Group" award. While it is an unfortunate turn of events, I am not too surprised about that one either, when

you consider that an emo haircut makes a badass guitar solo look about as cool as writing a song about umbrellas.

After checking up on the list of this year's winners, I guess I should be happy that Gnarl Barkley at least won the award for "Best Editing," which is probably the most un-rad award of the night. Honestly, I really couldn't care less, and I am pretty sure The White Stripes couldn't either. It is not so much that I am not into the idea of watching an awards show where the highlight of the evening is a five-minute brawl between Pamela Anderson's ex-husbands. It is about the music and it always has been. While MTV may have forgotten that along with a lot of other folks, I have not. In the end, the mind-numbing combination of a sad, sad awards show that goes out of its way to recognize a gaggle of singers whose combined talent is about as dope as snoring in rhythm, is exactly why my radio dial is set to classic rock.

Those Without Meal Plans are Missing Out



BY SHANNON OBEY '08
COMMENTARY EDITOR

CAMPUS

Change is in the air at Providence College this year. I'm not talking about the new Concannon Fitness Center, which I must admit is a great addition to our campus and a huge improvement from the dungeon that used to hold around nine squeaky machines for the entire PC community to use.

I'm talking about Raymond Dining Hall, my favorite article topic. There are three big changes at Ray this year which I think are noteworthy and I am going to take this opportunity to discuss the pro's and con's of all three:

The Clear Plastic Cups: I discussed this topic last year with the fading-out of the blue plastic cups. The blue cups will be forever missed in my heart. But alas, it is time to move on. And thank goodness we are not moving on to those glass monstrosities that they tried to make us use last year. You remember. These were the glasses that held a drop of soda and would be the tragic embarrassment of anyone who dared use a tray, as they often slid off and crashed to the floor.

No, they have trashed the old glasses and brought in newer and better clear plastic cups. They do not break easily, but they do not hold nearly as much as before. Two of these cups are needed to get a sufficient amount of liquid down your throat, increasing the amount of times these cups need to

be washed. This wouldn't be a problem if I didn't care about the environment and happen to know that doing more washes not only uses more hot water, which uses energy to heat, but also, depending on your cleaning method, uses more energy with each wash cycle. Bigger glasses would allow students to use fewer cups, lessening the amount of washes needed and helping out with pollution.

Now, I know PC isn't going to go out and buy pint size cups just because of this article. In fact, that would be silly. So we must look at the bright side and realize that these cups are not all bad. For one, they are back to being plastic. No more worrying about dropping these bad boys, you can go back to your old clumsy ways and not stress out about breaking Ray's fine china.

Another great thing about these new cups is that you can now see through them to make sure you are getting a great quality cup. Heaven forbid there was ever a piece of food stuck in them from the previous user sticking their silverware in it to create less to carry. Hypothetically, what if Peter Peanut used the cup before and got a huge glob of peanut butter stuck at the bottom and for whatever reason it didn't get rinsed off? Allergies then gets that same glass and keels over because she is allergic to peanuts. It would be tragic and I am sure glad PC is doing something to prevent it.

New Ketchup, Mustard, and Mayonnaise Dispensers: First, I would just like to ask, does anyone use that much mayo that they need a huge dispenser for it? Not being a huge mayo fan myself, I cannot really imagine it ever emptying.

That being said, I think these additions to Ray are a great idea. Now you can control exactly how much ketchup you want instead of getting an overabundance of ketchup packets and throwing the ones you do not use away because you are too lazy, or they are too dirty to return them.

So, not only are students wasting less of the substance they want—ketchup, mustard, mayo, etc.—but they are using less plastic. Unlike the cups, this is helping our environment. Instead of throwing out all those non-biodegradable plastic ketchup packets everyday, we are skipping the packets altogether, sending less plastic to the dump. I think PC's new colors should be black, white and green after this bold move.

There is, unfortunately, a downside to these dispensers. The other day when Ray had curly fries, I went to the ketchup pump to get some ketchup for these tasty treats but I put my hand on the pump and pushed down, and instead of the red substance taking over my plate, the pump was hollow and horribly unsatisfying as nothing came out. I could see the ketchup in the tube, but it would get sucked back down every time the pump came up. I went to all the pumps on that side and all of them were the same. At least with the packets you knew when Ray had run out so you wouldn't get the curly fries, or just suffer through eating them without ketchup. All-in-all though, I think Ray management did a great job picking out these new additions.

New Salad Bar: I have nothing bad to say about this addition except that they are using more plastic with the new dressing

dispensers, but I have a feeling the dressings of yesteryear used to come from similar bottles but were squirted into the bins before being brought out—of course this is just a guess and I have no evidence backing up this theory. I am very pleased, while we are on the topic of the dressing bottles, that now the different types of dressings are not joining with each other when Susi Salad comes along and plops the wrong spoon into the wrong bin. Now you can squirt away knowing that the dressing landing on your salad is pure.

Not only are the dressing bottles a great addition, but I am a big fan of the double sided salad bar that they now have. Having gotten rid of the "Caesar salad side with the sketchy chicken" and making it a full salad bar with everything the other side has, has made the lines more fluid and really cuts down on salad traffic during the high times after the "Civ Rush" at 11:20 a.m. or 12:20 p.m. and makes it a lot easier to get some food in your stomach before heading off to class or the new fitness center. The last good new addition to the salad bar that others may not agree with is the introduction of purple cabbage. It is a personal favorite of mine so I am thankful that they have added it a few days every week.

For those without a meal plan, Ray is taking steps in the right direction this year. Although these steps are relatively small, they are steps nonetheless. Reconsider your decision and take a peek at the finest dining establishment this side of McVinney. Come on, you must get sick of cooking every night of the week, what are you waiting for? Join the Ray craze!

Petraeus: Fighting the Enemy

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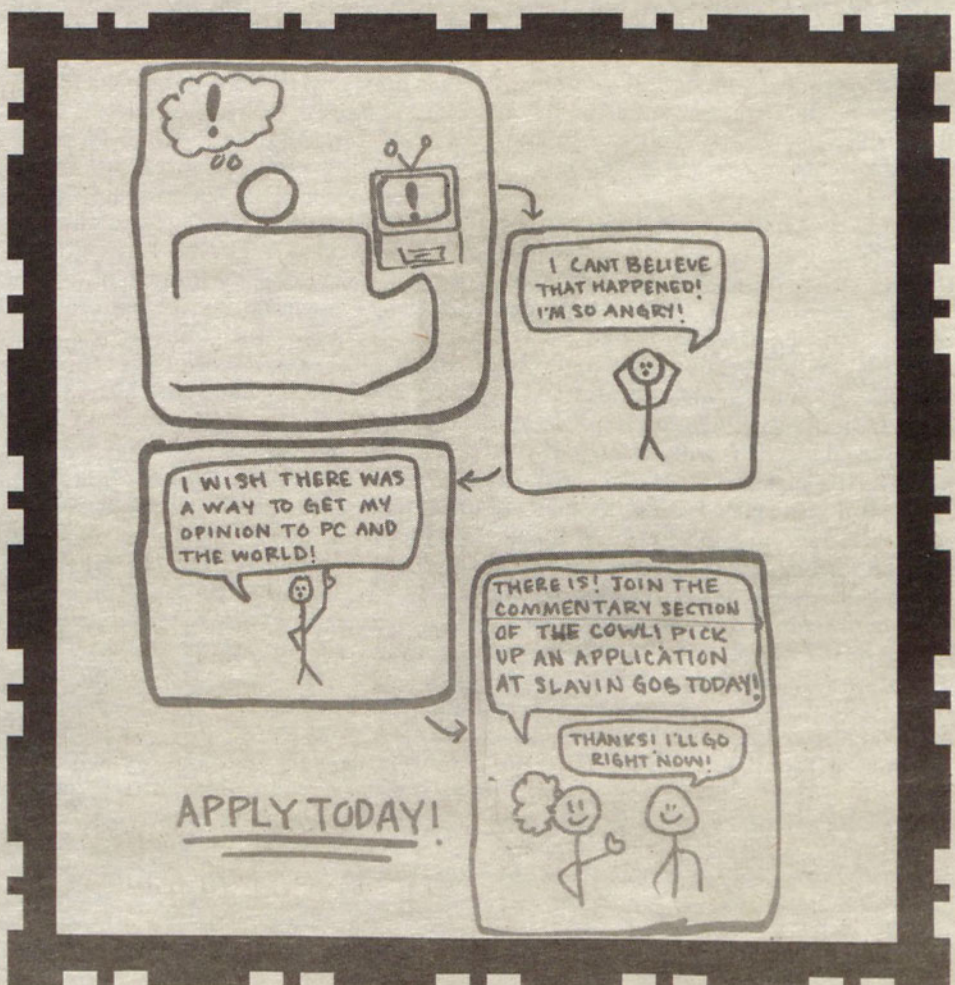
ing and the surge is working. Even if the figures are right, the conclusion's wrong." Finally, Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) said, "The violence in Anbar has gone down despite the surge, not because of the surge...It wasn't that the surge brought peace here." These members of Congress do not want anyone left with the silly idea that they are rooting for their country.

When Petraeus finally took the stand to be questioned, some of the statements made by members of the left were truly irresponsible, and were obviously an effort to pander to the radical wing of the base. Senator and presidential candidate Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) stated that it would take "a willing suspension of disbelief" to accept the four-star general's report. Sen. Russ Feingold (D-Wis.) said that those in Congress are "not being fooled by this claim of real progress." Shockingly, several news commentators have noted that not one Democrat asked what aid they could offer to Petraeus to help him and the U.S. troops prevail. Terrorists around the world can only hope that our next president is a Democrat.

These same Democrats supported for-

mer president Bill Clinton's Iraq regime change policy when Clinton was in office. Of course, Clinton never acted on his blustering about how important it was for the world to get rid of Saddam Hussein. He simply left it to Bush to do the hard stuff. Furthermore, it is largely ignored that nearly all of the Democrats who attacked Petraeus and the president voted in favor of invading Iraq in March of 2003, and several months ago confirmed Petraeus as the top commanding officer on the ground. Thus, after giving the President the authority and the billions of dollars necessary to invade Iraq, Congressional leaders now call Bush and Petraeus liars, with the hope that we abandon our commitments and allow our enemies to defeat us.

Much like those during Lincoln's time, many in Washington pretend that they do not realize that freedom and stability often come at a great price and with a great struggle. Leaders of the Democratic Party, in making this war a political issue and in turning their backs on the commitment they made to the Iraqi people, have become a very dangerous bunch -- not only to those around the world seeking to overcome the jihadists, but to America itself.



The DVD Fundamentals:

A Collector's College Guide



Ah, the movie night: the classic weekend activity for anyone too tired to leave campus, or anyone unable to think of something better to do. However, with the right stash of DVDs, the movie night doesn't have to be a last resort activity this year. A&E writers Claire Pevoto '10 and John Mango '10 give a guy and a girl's perspective on what films are essential for any dorm room.

BY CLAIRE PEVOTO '10
A&E STAFF

1.) *The Princess Bride* — This comedic spin on a fairy-tale romance has become a classic that enchants and entertains viewers across generations and genders. The girly title belies its mass appeal; quotable one-liners, adventurous fight scenes, and plenty of shtick accompany the sappy romantic parts to suit a wide range of tastes, making it the perfect pick for a movie night either with the girls or a mixed bunch. The film will also make you fall in love with Cary Elwes, until scenes from *Saw* start replaying in your mind. Gross.

2.) *Office Space* — I had to put this one on the list not only because it was filmed in my land of origin, Austin, Texas, but also because it is full of great understated humor. Actually, almost everything about this movie is understated—the wardrobe, the setting, Milton's voice. It proves that big theatrics (or big budgets) aren't necessary if the dialogue is witty enough. If you have never seen this movie, after watching it you will remember hearing its lines in past conversations, and your life will be a little more complete for now understanding the references. Why should it be on your dorm room shelf? Through watching it, you will find the extra motivation to pursue your true dreams, so that you don't have to begin every conversation with "Corporate accounts payable, Nina speaking," for the rest of your life.

3.) *Crash* — The lives of different characters with varying backgrounds are masterfully woven together in this commentary on present-day American racism and prejudice. It might bring on the tears (guilty), but more importantly, it raises

honest reflection on both personal and social experience. As you watch this movie, you may recognize certain types of prejudice that you have witnessed or felt in your life. The more conscious we are of this in our youth, the better chance we have of eradicating these wrongs now and into the future.

4.) *Clueless* — Yes, this movie is all about high school, but it can be appreciated well beyond those four years. Perhaps even more now that that turbulent and dramatic time is over. Most people wouldn't classify it this way, but I say *Clueless* is a "feel-good" movie because it will make you feel better-by-comparison about several aspects of your life, including but not limited to your wardrobe, your driving skills, and your academic strengths. Bonus for underclassmen: It's based on Jane Austen's *Emma*, which you might have to read for sophomore year of Civ. Think of how ahead of the game you'll be.

5.) *Life is Beautiful* — If you watched the 1999 Academy Awards, you may remember a funny Italian man who won so many awards that he finally exclaimed in one of his acceptance speeches, "I used up all of my English!" In case you didn't know, that man was Roberto Benigni, and his award-winning movie was *La Vita e Bella*, or in English, *Life is Beautiful*. Now, aside from making you feel instantly cultured for watching a movie with subtitles, this film about the Holocaust will have you experiencing pretty much every human emotion within a span of two hours. Cheesy as it sounds, watching this really will make you appreciate your life and the people in it—something that all of us here need to be reminded to do.

BY JOHN MANGO '10
A&E STAFF

I think it's safe to say that not many things in life are simple. Hell, it's even possible to screw up Easy Mac (the name of that food is surprisingly misleading). But try not to fret at the thought of my needlessly cryptic generalizations, because I come bearing good news. After many years of movie-watching experience (listen, I was watching movies before I could read or write), I've realized that any guy (ladies, please don't feel alienated, you should own the following films as well, if for no other reason than to lend them to me) can own an excellent movie collection.

1.) *Gladiator* — Let's start off with the basics. What do you think of when you think of guys? Actually, I'll just tell you. War. You think of war. The most recent and notable one to rock the big screen (I'll give you a hint as to what I'm referring to, it's a number between 299 and 302, and its not 301) was certainly fun to watch, but lacked the conviction to make a great war film. Before the Spartan Leonidas held his ground against an empire, the Spaniard Maximus defied one. So this is simple mathematics: What's more impressive—300 guys against an empire or one guy. Again, I'll just tell you. It's the latter choice. The latter choice is cooler. So really, if you don't have *Gladiator*, get it.

2.) *The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly* — Nothing is cooler than a western movie (don't disagree with me, it's unpatriotic and unbecoming), except Clint Eastwood, and maybe that cigarette smoking camel (health issues be damned, if that camel isn't cool then I don't know what is). So logical-

ly it makes sense that *The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly* is the coolest movie ever made because it's a western with Clint Eastwood. And speaking totally objectively the ending of this movie is more intense than Kennedy Plaza after the sun sets.

3.) *The Sandlot* — Every library needs at least one sports movie, and it can't be *Rudy*... no really in all seriousness, it can't be *Rudy*. What you want is *The Sandlot*. Not only did *The Sandlot* make me want to play baseball when I was a kid (which ended in disaster), but it had a dog so scary that even Michael Vick would have left it alone. *The Sandlot* is more epic than *Hoosiers*, more touching than *Remember the Titans*, and a hell of a lot funnier than *The Waterboy*. If you haven't seen *The Sandlot* then you probably didn't have a childhood, so you might as well start one now by owning this DVD.

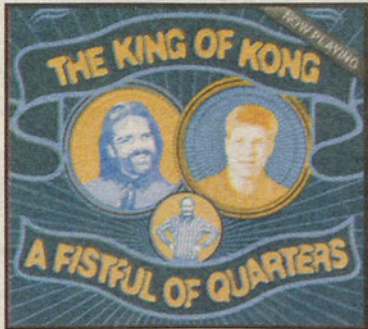
4.) *Pulp Fiction* — Ever found yourself ordering a "Le Royale with cheese" in Slavin instead of a cheeseburger? Yeah, me neither, although I've always wanted to. The only movie capable of inspiring me to attempt such an audacious feat is Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction*. As bizarre as it is funny, *Pulp Fiction* is a must for everyone.

5.) *Superbad* — The final movie every guy should own is this summer's *Superbad*. Now, you may be asking yourself, is this movie even out yet? Well, no technically, its not, but that shouldn't stop you from owning it. Easily the funniest movie since... well, easily the funniest movie ever, *Superbad* is realistic, crass, and strangely touching. By the way, dibs on McLovin' for my next ID.

Endearing Nerds

The King of Kong has everything you would expect from a blockbuster except the budget

BY CHRIS TOMPKINS '09
ASST. A&E EDITOR



Whether we know it or not, everyone is familiar with the "Get-a-life" documentary. Films in this sub-genre usually expose the public to a group of individuals who are pretty consumed in a lifestyle or activity. They lead us into lives that aren't familiar and sometimes uncomfortable.

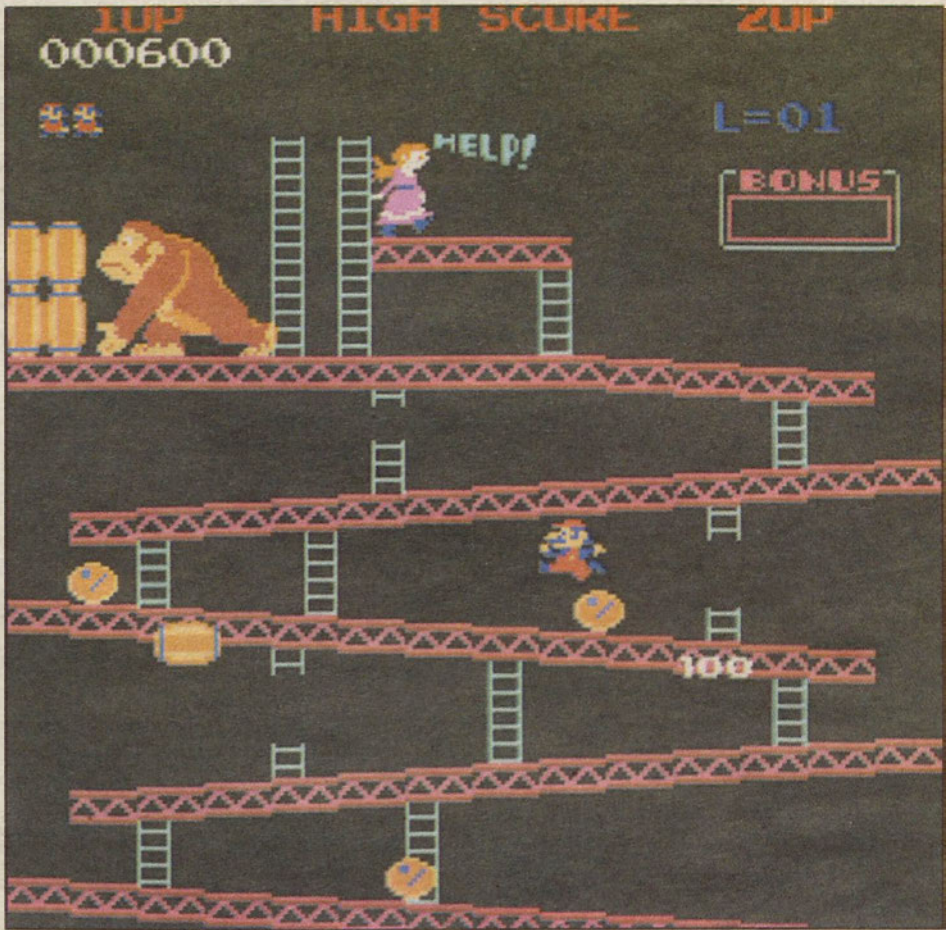
MOVIE
REVIEW

From YouTube shorts like "My New Haircut" to more recognizable feature films like Christopher Guest's *Best In Show*, these flicks have entertained us for years. However, a lot of these pieces are scripted and fabricated for reasons including the fact that it is very difficult to make a commercial film starring real life weirdos. However, in the case of *The King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters* director Seth Gordon has somehow come across a group of gamers that are absolutely meant for the camera.

The best and worst come out in people during competition. Video games are for the most part, innocent and meant to be enjoyed. But in this outstanding view into the world of classic gaming we are introduced to a bunch of guys that take arcade gaming to nauseatingly extreme levels of competition. First we meet Billy Mitchell, the most famous name in arcade games. He holds hundreds of records including an amazingly high score in *Donkey Kong* and has registered a perfect game in *PacMan* (for those that don't know, that means completing the entire game without losing any men and picking up every possible point).

Mitchell is also one of the most devious characters I have ever seen on the silver screen, rivaling Hans Grubber or Hannibal Lector. The guy even has a Darth Vader shaped helmet of jet-black hair (which is kind of ironic, considering he refers to himself as a Jedi on more than one occasion). Mitchell owns a popular restaurant and sports dozens of different patriotic ties. He is completely full of himself, and his squirrely nerd minion just adds fuel to his ego fire.

Enter Steve Wiebe, the perennial American underdog. After being laid off by Boeing on the very day he closes on a brand new home he falls into a bit of despair. To take his mind off his misfortune he turns to *Donkey Kong* for solace



PICTURE HOUSE

Since Bob Hoskins played the little Italian plumber we have all been yearning for another movie starring Mario.

and becomes completely consumed, nearly alienating his family in the process. From there this film might as well be scripted.

The deck is stacked against Steve from the beginning. He tries to comply with every request from the official scorekeepers whom all happen to be friends with Bill Mitchell, sucking at the feat of his legend. When Wiebe tries to take Mitchell on head-to-head Mitchell doesn't show up. When he beats the high score in a public forum Mitchell sends in a tape that shows him destroying the new record. Life is tough for the Seattle family man who is only trying to be the best at something.

The King of Kong is one of the funniest movies I have seen all year, rivaling *Superbad* or *Knocked Up*. Some of the gamers interviewed are hilariously inept and socially awkward. The Wiebe family's ridiculous antics are easy to relate to and Billy Mitchell's self-esteem seems to derive from an extensive delirium.

Not only does this film depict the basic struggle between good and evil but it also illustrates the overarching flaws in the American dream. The reason it is so wildly funny is because it shows how some people can take arcade games so seriously, to the point of sabotage and slander. It is childish and ridiculous, but what I think Seth Gordon is trying to say with this piece is that if you used another more respectable occupation or hobby, like investment banking or baseball, it would

be just as uncomfortable. Seeing anyone emotionally invested in a pointless endeavor is always a little hard to bear. That is why obsession is always a popular character trait for a villain.

Not only is it sad that Billy Mitchell would act so snobbishly because of his video gaming prowess, Steve Wiebe's obsessive and helpless demeanor is also sad and uncomfortable. I think this is because of we can all see a little bit of ourselves in these characters.

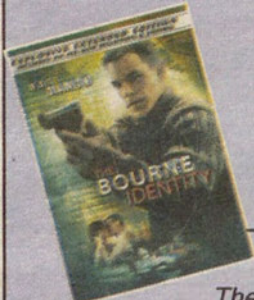
Satire, Professor Scanlan tells me, is supposed to be funny as well as painful, because of how poignant and close to home the subject matter is. In this case, the subject matter is not only early '80s arcade games, it is manifest destiny and the corrupting appeal of power. Both are superficial in any form.

The King of Kong is not one of the most visually appealing films you will see this year but it is definitely worth considering. It should get at least an Oscar nomination for best documentary and there is talk of Hollywood scripting a comedy adaptation of the material. Imagine Sacha Baron Cohen and Luke Wilson in the starring roles and you might have an idea of the potential of such a rendition. Even if you don't like video games or documentaries you should still see this poignant and hilarious film. You will not be disappointed.

GRADE: A

Picks of the Week

By Ryan Burns '08
A&E Staff



Movie

The Bourne Identity
Directed by Doug Liman

Acting as a swift punch in the face to corny spy movies, *The Bourne Identity* has it all. Gritty fight scenes, spectacularly crafted yet believable car chases, and a great story make this movie a great start to one of the best trilogies I've ever seen. Matt Damon is perfect as Jason Bourne, an assassin who is shot, gets deserted, and loses his memory. He struggles to regain knowledge about himself, his life, and his profession in this exciting thriller.



Music

Popular Demand
Black Milk
Fatbeats

This album from Detroit emcee/producer Black Milk shatters the misconception that most producers can't rap. Black Milk handles the production on this album, and infuses a unique style of rhyming that separates him from other Detroit rappers. The beats are certainly influenced by the late J Dilla, and he pays tribute to him several times on the album. Guest appearances include "Slum Village," "Guilty Simpson," and "One Be Lo."



Book

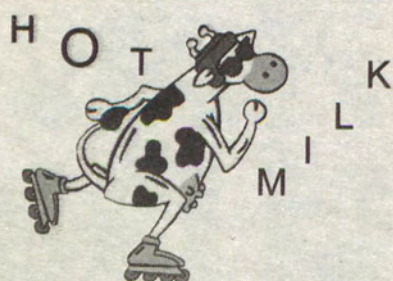
Team Of Rivals
by Doris Kearns Goodwin

I was in Washington, D.C., during Labor Day weekend and was compelled to buy this book, which details how well Lincoln was able to handle his cabinet during the most tumultuous period in American history. The way that Lincoln was able to work with people who had previously opposed his views and ideas is simply remarkable. Goodwin, a previous Pulitzer Prize winner, earned the prestigious Lincoln Award for this book, where she does a great job narrating and bringing drama to many important decisions that Lincoln and his team of rivals had to make.

Interested in getting involved in theater at PC?

Come down to the Smith Center Green Room and enjoy free pizza with the staff and faculty of the Department of Theater, Dance, and Film this Friday at 3:30.

All are welcome to tour the theater complex.



BY JAMES MCGEEHEE '08
A&E EDITOR

"The Manifesto"

I want you to do this with me. Think back one year. Sept. 20, 2006. Seems like just yesterday, doesn't it? Or perhaps earlier today, since freshman year for a senior like me seems like yesterday. This exercise I have planned will show just how much some things change in 365 days. Now, our personal life stays behind the curtain, but anything that deals with the arts or entertainment is fair game.

Okay, let's proceed. Sentences should begin with "Last year at this time I..." Since you may not be getting the gist of this yet, I'll go first. Last year at this time I had never heard one phrase of Sufjan Stevens' beautifully-crafted melodies and counterpoints. I probably haven't liked an album more than his *Prairie State* tribute "Illinois" (or is it *Illinoise*?) since I listened to *A Rush of Blood to the Head* five years ago.

Last year at this time I still wondered how Harry Potter would defeat Lord Voldemort, a question that has burned inside me since freshman year of high school.

Last year at this time I did not know that Steve Carrell and his character Michael Scott on *The Office* could make me keel over in laughter and somehow garner my pity vote simultaneously.

Last year at this time I had never seen Guillermo del Toro's moving and dark masterpiece *Pan's Labyrinth*, or realized how strong a triple shot of tequila are del Toro, Alfonso Cuarón, and Alejandro González Iñárritu. These filmmakers show that Mexico has another revolution on its hands.

Last year at this time I had never heard the Cold War Kids and their debut release *Robbers & Cowards*. From the opening piano and shaking percussion punch on "We Used To Vacation" it hooked me.

Last year at this time I had never heard The New Pornographers. The Canadian indie rock outlet's been around since 2001 and has endured regardless of a name that turns some off (rather than turning them on). If I had not listened to *Illinois*, *Twin Cinema* would have been the best album I had heard since *A Rush of Blood*.

There's a ton more, but I'm running out of room and need to draw up a quick manifesto of my future intentions to help ensure that these next 365 days bring as much joy and surprise from entertainment as the last 365 brought. I am afraid last year's a tough hand to match.

On Wed. Sept. 19, 2007, I, James McGehee, pledge the following. I grew up on Hitchcock (my mom considered his films a safe choice—no profanity, no explicit sex). Yet, I haven't seen some of the most well known — *Rear Window*, *Notorious*, and *Shadow of a Doubt*. I'm going to watch these three and maybe some others.

I'm going to watch a film by John Cassavetes, the pioneer of modern indie cinema.

I'm going to listen to any album pitchforkmedia.com assigns at least a 9.0 rating. I still haven't listened to Radiohead's *Kid A*. Put that on the list.

I'm going to read another book by Dostoyevsky. It doesn't matter which one.

I'm going to try (I don't know if I'll be able to stand it) to listen to Joanna Newsom's *Ys*.

I'm finally going to take a hint from Ryan Burns '08 and listen to some underground hip-hop.

Lastly, I'm never going to stick to any rhetoric, maybe not even this one above, because our most priceless finds in life are the ones we don't plan on or seek out.

Now it's your turn.

Z Bar & Grille
244 Wickenden Street
Providence, R.I. 02903
(401) 831-1566

One of the most difficult transitions back to school is undoubtedly the food. There are few things that make me want to curl up in the fetal position and whine more than logging years of my life in the library on Sunday and then arriving in Ray. The monosyllabic dialogue my brothers afford me online only involves adjectives when describing what my family had for dinner. Unabatedly teasing, my brother types: "Dad made this mad good shrimp thing with rice, broccoli, and salad." Meanwhile, I'm scarfing down Cheez-Its in my room while glaring at a book on the Monroe Doctrine.

So as to correct some of my displaced aggression, I felt it was time to really enjoy a meal. Clearly, the first step would be going off campus. Last weekend, a few of my friends and I ventured from one end of the spectrum of civilization to the other. We left the golf party and visited Wickenden Street. Z Bar & Grille offered a lovely antidote to the frustrated college student: big, fluffy pillows. Plush, Pottery Barn-esque, ambience-creating pillows were arranged throughout the restaurant's multi-level seating area. A long bar reached along the wall leading to more seating outside. It was a sophisticated setting without being overwhelmingly snobby.

Comfortably seated near the large glass window looking out on the neighborhood of trendy twenty-somethings, my companions and I devoured the fresh bread and

with Annmarie Granstrand '09
Asst. A&E Editor



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spicy red pepper olive oil. We also split an appetizer of divinely seasoned crab cakes garnished in a cream sauce with diced peppers, tomatoes and corn.

Aside from bringing a terrible tasting iced tea to my friend instead of the Diet Coke she had hoped for, the staff was quite professional. Our waiters were pleasant and available. The atmosphere focused more on the bar as the night and Red Sox-Yankees game progressed. It certainly looked like an appealing place to be for those of legal age.

Simply because I've never ordered them before, I delved into a plate of lobster ravioli and savory scallops. We passed our plates around, sampling clams in linguini, a wrapped burger, and roasted chicken that

my friend quipped as "simply seasoned yet an appropriate contrast to the stronger flavors of the salad." The restaurant also offered a plethora of garden salads, pastas and entrees from their wood fire grill.

The obvious drawback to a place like the Z Bar & Grille is the price range. Upon entering, one must be prepared to drop about twenty dollars per person. I thought it was worth it, considering how badly I needed to please my taste buds. Although Ray is free and Alvin, the laid-back sandwich artist, is a celebrated figure in my life, sometimes one needs to treat oneself. The Z Bar & Grille provided a delightful respite from on-campus dining—and really nice pillows.

GRADE: A

Live from Rhode Island

If you are willing to travel off the beaten path, Ryan Burns '08 can show you where to find all the hip-hop you can handle.

BY RYAN BURNS '08
A&E STAFF

So you're new to Providence, wondering where to find some of the best local hip-hop talent? Well, look no further because believe it or not, Providence showcases some of the best local and indie talent in the region.

URBAN ELEMENTS

There are many different venues in the city that showcase a wide variety of hip-hop music, artwork, spoken word poetry, and open mic nights.

Perhaps the most well known venue is Lupo's which is located on 79 Washington Street downtown. Usually reserved for bigger acts such as Talib Kweli, Ghostface, and Nas, Lupo's has a lot to offer for underground fans, drawing Atmosphere this Friday, Sept 21st and local favorite Sage Francis on Nov 15th. The best time to catch shows here is usually in the springtime, as the hip-hop acts start appearing much more frequently.

Don't necessarily like the big stage? Lucky for you, The Living Room (23 Rathbone St.) also brings solid underground acts in a smaller, intimate setting. Last Saturday, local emcees Poorly Drawn People and Need Not Worry rocked the stage with other Rhode Island artists to a packed house. PDP and Need Not Worry also performed here in the spring of 2006 as WDOM 91.3 FM brought Akrobatik to PC as the headliner. Upcoming shows at The Living Room include Aesop Rock on Saturday, Sept. 22, and for the more hardcore fans, Jedi Mind Tricks will bring their brand of aggressive hip-hop on Thursday, Sept. 27. Tickets at The Living Room are generally less expensive, but they still have the drawing power to attract some of hip-hop's finest.

The Black Repertory Company is probably the most unique out of all these ven-



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The Living Room, one among many great music venues in the city, hosted Poorly Drawn People (below) last week and will present Aesop Rock (above) on Sept. 22.

ues, due to its diversity and its willingness to let all local artists shine. Located on 276 Westminster St. in downtown Providence, The Black Repertory Company is constantly holding a wide variety of events that can please even the pickiest of customers. Inside the venue, you can be treated to a great selection of local artwork from the best painters around, which can be a great conversation starter.

My favorite aspect of The Black Repertory Company is the Open Mic night every Monday. This open mic is not just hip-hop, so if you have a guitar, keyboard, or a voice and want to be heard, this is the perfect way to showcase your talents. Everything from breakdancing to spoken word poetry can be found at these open mic nights, truly presenting a great opportunity for anyone who wants to be heard. I

like how the people dictate the show, rather than an artist who we're all supposed to pay attention to. This is what sets The Black Repertory Company apart from all the other venues.

So whatever your taste is, whatever type of music you like, there are great opportunities to either find new talent or showcase your own in the great city of Providence.



THE SUN NEVER SETS ON RED SOX NATION

BY LINDSAY WENGLOSKI '10
PORTFOLIO STAFF

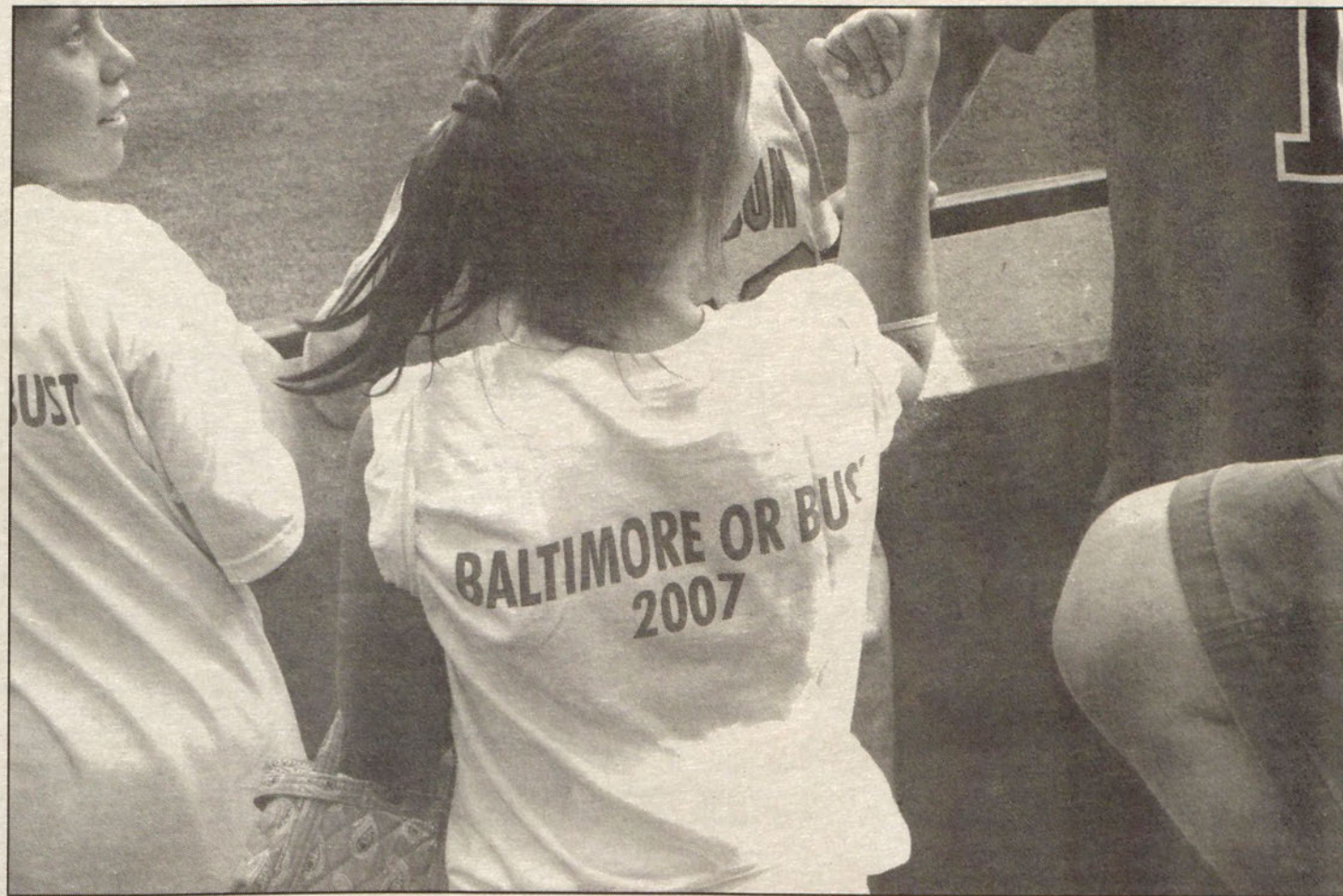
I have a confession to make. I advise all the die-hard, pinstripe-wearing, Bronx-going, Joe Torre lovin' (or hatin', depending on how the season goes) Yankee fans who happen to be reading this to proceed to a calmer, less emotionally rattling article before they spontaneously combust in primal rage. This confession has to deal with the two most popular teams in baseball, and it's not pretty.

ESSAY

Late last winter, I underwent a baseball Crisis of Faith—yes, with capital lettering—and switched teams. A thousand apologies—I just realized, as I'm sure the other baseball fans reading this article (hello to all two of you) will agree that 'switched' is way too casual a word for my situation. 'Converted' doesn't quite fit. No, no. Mid-March, I transcended the boundaries of America's pastime. I discovered the meaning of life! I became one with the cosmos! Embraced the universal truth! That is to say, I shifted my allegiance from the House that Ruth Built to Red Sox Nation.

Now before the gaggle of Yankee fans get all worked up, let me clarify some things. No, I did not switch because of peer pressure. (Have you even SEEN the types of people who go to Sox games?) No, it's not because the Yankees have had some lackluster showings both this year and last. (Let's just look at some of the nasty scores the Red Sox limped through this season.) No, it's not because I like Johnny Damon better as the Son of God and not some clean-shaven hotshot. (Wait a second . . . that's actually a pretty legitimate concern. Who wouldn't want a little extra help from the Big Guy?) No, those aren't my reasons for becoming a Sox fanatic.

It's difficult to describe Red Sox Nation. As a measly new arrival, I was shocked to notice—really notice—for the first time



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the sheer number of Red Sox fanatics scattered across the country like foul-tempered sprinkles on a sheet cake. Case in point: when attending a Washington Nationals game in D.C. against the New York Mets this summer, there were contingents of Red Sox fans in almost every section. And yes, they did start the "Let's Go Red Sox" chant whenever they felt it was necessary. Red Sox fans show up in full fanatic mode—and they're not even going to see a Red Sox game!

Another example, occurring also just a few months ago: while staying with some friends in Albuquerque, New Mexico, I quickly came to the realization that my friend's entire family were Die. Hard. Red. Sox. Fans. Again, Red Sox Fans—this time, in the middle of the desert! On an entirely different side of the country! And while waiting in line to board a plane bound for Baltimore, I noticed a veritable pilgrimage of Sox fans clad in jerseys, face paint, socks, hats, flip-flops, pajama bot-

toms, and large Sox logo tattoos preparing to board with me. Guess what team they were going to see . . .

The Sox fan: willing to travel 400 miles to see a game. Willing to stay for five hours in an airport waiting for a delayed flight. Willing to start a riot when said plane fails to show up at the gate. Willing to rent a car at midnight and make the nine- to ten-hour drive down to Baltimore to see their team play. If that's not dedication, I'm not sure what is.

The Lord and Lady of Compton Road

BY KATIE CALIVA '10
PORTFOLIO STAFF

Every Saturday morning he would get up, put on a cardigan, and sit with his pipe on the front porch of his little house. It was a quiet neighborhood in the city, an area perfectly conducive to raising kids so long as they wanted them raised "right," and by "right" they meant imbuing the youngsters with knowledge of their Italian heritage. He was raised one street over by two immigrants whose marriage was opposed in Italy. The natural conclusion was to run away to America and marry. It was his favorite story to tell, and he told lots of stories.

Of all the retired men in the neighborhood who received visitors, and all of them did, he was the most popular by far. And so every Saturday you could find him out on his porch, puffing on his pipe. A passerby would smile, stop, and have a chat before bustling off on his or her errands. If he or she showed an inclination to stay the man would immediately offer a chair and a cup of coffee. There was a pot of coffee perpetually percolating in the house, and a plate of pepper biscuits was always at the ready. You never knew who would drop by.

While he held court out front, she ran a back-alley counseling center from the kitchen. Wives whose husbands drank too much, girls with broken hearts, boys who wanted to pop the question but just didn't have the money to settle down; they all sought her out. They never walked away unsatisfied; somehow she always knew what to say. She would never admit that

though, and after giving her opinion, she encouraged any lost soul to light a candle, say a prayer, and leave the whole matter in the hands of God. If they followed this instruction in piety, they inevitably followed her original advice as well.

As evening rolled around, the beloved couple would grasp hands and pray over

“The newcomers weren't ever unfriendly; just different. They didn't understand the eccentric old man sitting on his porch and considered his wife to be a busybody.”

their supper and then share stories and swap gossip. After eating, they retired to the den to read to each other before going to sleep. It was an unbroken ritual that went on for many years. They were icons, beacons for the confused or lonely. And then slowly, the neighborhood changed. The women that she counseled so often eventually left their husbands; the boys and girls grew up, married each other and moved out of the neighborhood. The dear old friends allowed the cold winters to chase them to Florida, retire to nursing homes, or pass away. New faces replaced the old neighbors. The newcomers weren't ever unfriendly; just different. They didn't understand the eccentric old man sitting on his porch and considered his wife to be a busybody. People couldn't fathom how pepper, flour, and water could possibly



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constitute a delicacy. So acting on the advice of their son and daughter-in-law, they left their house, and the streets they knew so well. They moved to the suburbs while they could still hold on to the happy memories created in a now rapidly decaying area of the city.

The new house doesn't even have a front porch, much less neighbors willing to sit on it or to ask for advice. So now every Saturday morning, they sit together in

lawn chairs at the top of their driveway. They place a pot of coffee and a plate of biscuits between them. They hold hands and reminisce about the old neighborhood, rehash gossip that has long since dried out. And somewhere in a condo, or a subdivision, or a hospital, some old friend murmurs, "I wonder whatever happened to that darling couple." The old friend sips his own cup of coffee, frowns slightly, and wonders why it just never tastes the same.

poetry corner

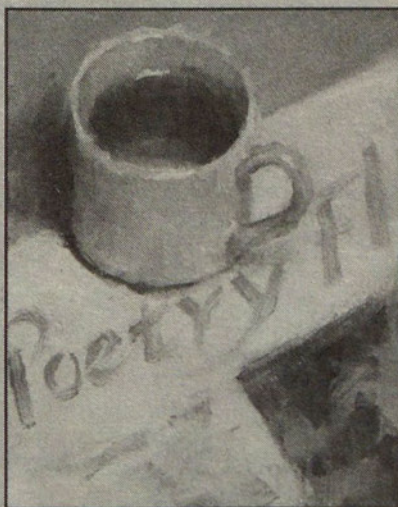
Goodbye to the "Same Old, Same Old"

NICOLE AMARAL '10
PORTFOLIO STAFF

Routine is like your favorite *easy chair*,
molded to your body, soft in all the right places.
It's old and maybe not perfect, but it's comfortable,
and supportive; it has quite literally "got your back."
It's ready at a moment's notice to hold your weary body.
When you get a new chair, everything is undeniably wrong.
It doesn't have that peculiar smell like the old one,
no stains from the time you spilled coffee
It's not covered with cat hair or lumpy and misshapen;
in short, it's not yours.

Change is like that. For a long time, nothing is right.
Even the faults of the old only serve to demean the new.
It takes a while for life to be broken in,
but you've got to keep sitting in it, forming it to your curves.
You'll find the right spot sooner or later.

Poetry is an
orphan of
silence. The
words never
quite equal the
experience
behind them.
—Charles Simic



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Psychic Hearts

BY ALEX DONNELLY '09
PORTFOLIO STAFF

Don't tarry upon the fact
that it took you four years
to learn her last name.
Realize it's to your big advantage
that she shifts in her seat
when she asks the most innocent questions
(how many brothers *do* you have?)

When you catch her off guard,
don't call attention to the idea
that it's obvious she was thinking about you
the night before.

You like her,
but she doesn't know the rules.
Even still,
always keep in mind you know she has
a weakness,
a weakness for exactly what you are.
You are sharp,
and she can be your prism.

Don't let fear
prevent you from ever knowing
that which is steep within your grasp.
Most of what you say
leaves a print in the stone.
So angle your words.

If she answers no,
then as you swipe into your hall,
tell her that as soon as she wants
these words to mean something,
to give you a call.

And if she says yes,
tell her you want to hear
all the stories she has to tell you.



Tiffany & Earl

Making PC an emotionally stable
place, one letter at a time...



Dear Stanley,
Extreme age gaps
in dating are best
left to the post-graduate student. You
have to ask yourself
if you'll really find a
freshman girl that
you'll end up connecting with on a
deeper level than
liking the taste of "Natty Lite". The
chances of you caring about her seminar
quiz in Western Civ yesterday are as good
as her caring about the number of spelling
errors on your resume. There are very
good chances however, of her asking you
to buy her and twelve of her friends a six-
pack so they can pre-game for the Snow
Ball. Horrified yet? Good.

You can still go out and have fun with
some of the same people you knew in college.
Moreover, you can go to some of the
same bars as well—just maybe not in the
same capacity. As Earl suggests, find some
other bars to frequent that aren't so under-
classmen friendly. Think of Thayer Street
as your new weekend adventure. Brown
is a much larger school with a much larger
graduate program.

Another words, try finding some new
friends that belong in the same sandbox as
you, because I am pretty sure Louie's is
not the answer... and if Louie's were a
sandbox (or perhaps a trough?), there
would be lots and lots of pee in it. And
you're better than that—after all you did
make it to grad school... not that it's difficult
to attend grad school where you
attended undergrad, but that's neither here
nor there. Get out there and good luck.

This Week...

the term "creeper" reaches new heights

Dear Tiffany and Earl,

I am a graduate student here at Providence and at the end of last year I
thought that the party was just beginning. Now I realize that without
friends, school is rough. Although older, I still want to go out and hit
up the bars and mingle with people (particularly the ladies). Here lies
my quandary: I was at the bar the other night when I sparked up a
conversation with a very attractive and interested girl who ended up
being a 17-year-old freshman. A few years ago I was a senior in high
school and this girl would have been in eighth grade. That doesn't sit
right with me, but at the same time I know couples with a seven year
age gap and this girl was really hot. What should my age cut-off be
for the ladies I pursue, now that I am the older guy on campus?

—Stanley, Future MBA and Current Older Creepy Guy

Dear Stan,

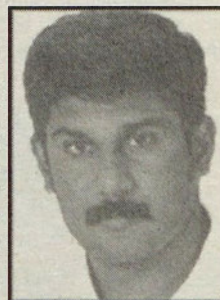
Being here as
long as I have, I
know exactly what it
is that you are going
through. If I stayed
awake at night wor-
rying about the age
difference between
all the girls that I
end up with, I would
be an insomniac.

I am not saying that the issue doesn't
bother me, but I used to watch *The
Graduate* a lot and as a result have a pen-
chant for the older ladies. Like a fine wine,
the older the lady the more bitter and pun-
gent they are—just my style. With them
being the older person in the relationship it
is their problem to worry about the age
contrast. So I say go cougar hunting.

No need to avoid the younger ladies at
the bars, but it may be time to go to some
classier bars than Clubbie's on Wednesday
night. Try going to the bars in hotel lob-
bies around Providence. You are sure to
find lonely, older women in those loca-
tions. With any luck they are on business
and will be out of town in a day or two.

If you are very lucky you could end up
like Vivian from *Pretty Woman* and find
yourself an Edward Lewis to cater to your
every need as long as you don't kiss on the
mouth. Then you won't even need your
grad degree and can live happily ever
after.

Think about it, older women have much
more to offer than young girls. Money,
experience, job security, children, the
work is all done for you. All you have to
do is sit back and enjoy the ride.

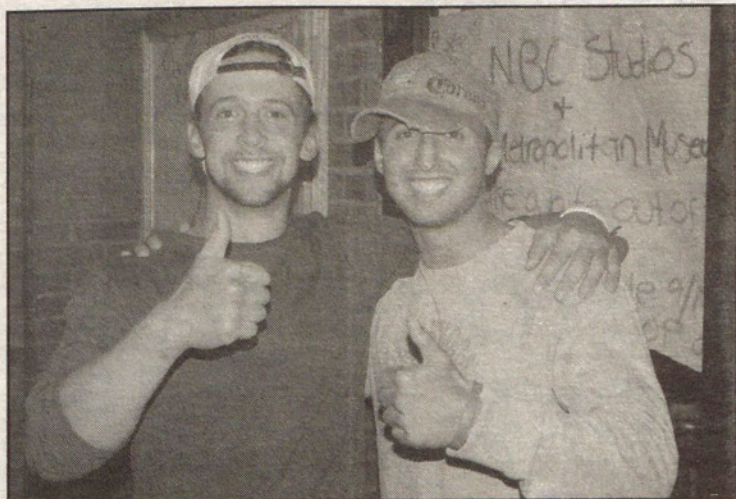


Tiffany

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Have a burning question that needs answering?
Write to Tiffany and Earl!
AskTiffanyEarl@yahoo.com

Who is Your Providence College Crush?



"Todd Incantalupo."
Pat Selby '08, Matt Butler '08



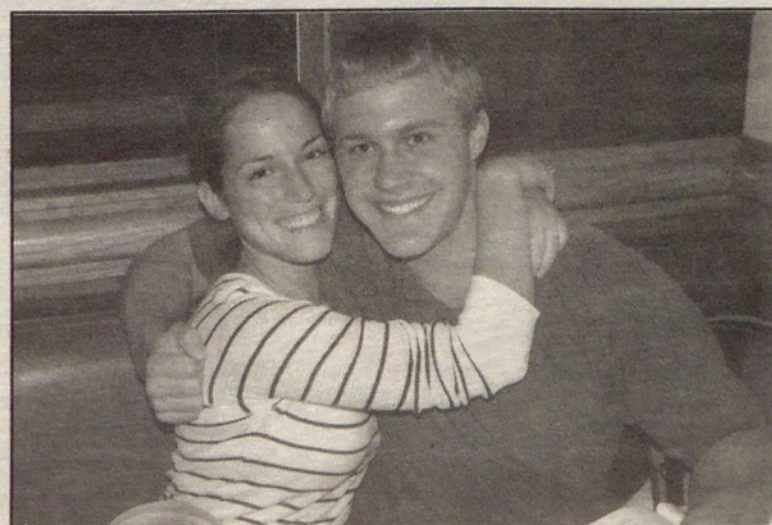
"Fran. . . no, Janina. . . no, Fran. . ."
Jill Corsi '09, Jillian Barker '09



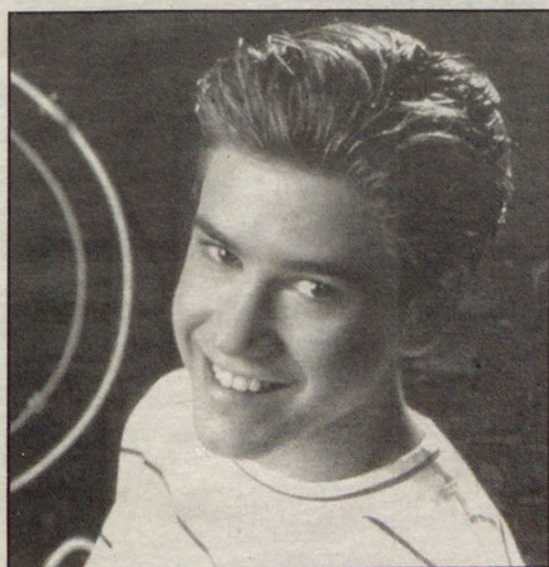
"Sharon Hay."
Ryan Donnelly '08



"Ricky LaBontee."
Paul Vasquez '08, Steve Kenney '08



"Dean Guasconi!"
Cat Coyne '08, Dean Guasconi '08



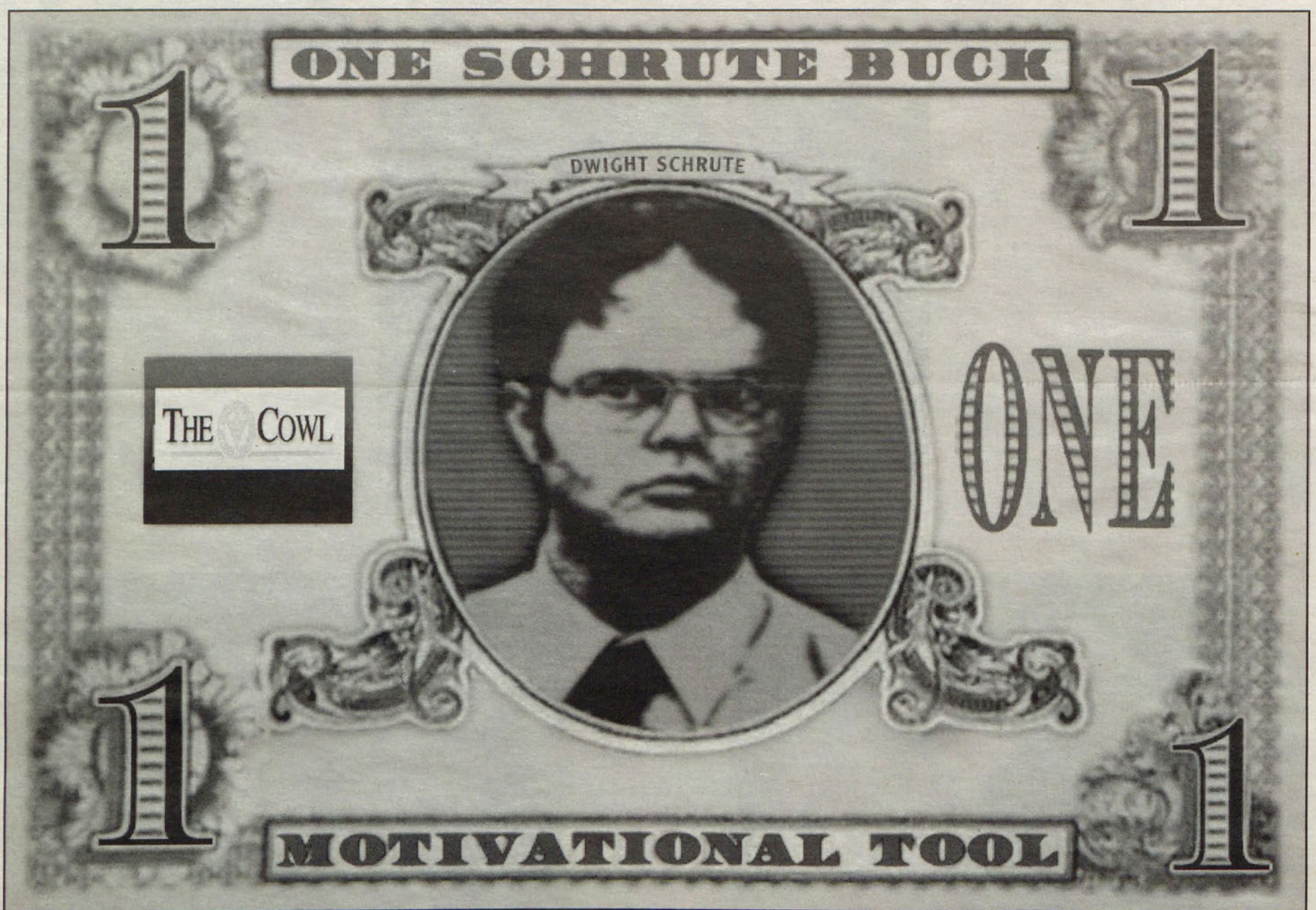
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There's this girl, Kelly Kapowski. . . .
She's pretty rad.

— Zack Morris

This is a Schrute buck. When you have done something good, you will receive one Schrute buck. One thousand Schrute bucks equals an extra five minutes for lunch. . .

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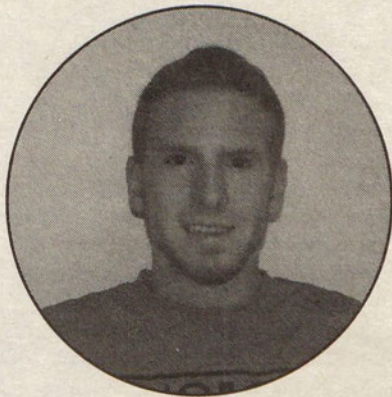
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Friars Scoreboard

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Standouts



Tom Webb
Men's Cross Country
Sophomore—Barrington, R.I.

Webb led the Friars to a second place finish at the BC Invitational on Friday, Sept. 14, with an individual second place finish. He finished in a time of 24:24.



Jessica Lane
Women's Field Hockey
Junior—South Windsor, Conn.

Lane was instrumental in the Friars' wins this week by tallying five points on five assists, three of which came in a 5-0 rout of Georgetown on Sunday, Sept. 16.

Scores

Friday 9/14		
Women's Soccer vs. Hartford	W, 1-0	
Women's Volleyball vs. St. Francis	W, 3-0	
Women's Tennis at West Point	Ind. Res.	
Men's Cross Country at BC Invitational	2nd of 10 teams	
Women's Cross Country at BC Invitational	5th of 10 teams	
Saturday 9/15		
Women's Field Hockey vs. Georgetown	W, 5-0	
Women's Volleyball vs. Coppin State	W, 3-0	
Men's Soccer vs. Holy Cross	W, 1-0	
Women's Volleyball vs. Sacred Heart	W, 3-0	
Women's Tennis at West Point	Ind. Res.	
Sunday 9/16		
Women's Soccer vs. Quinnipiac	L, 3-0	
Women's Tennis at West Point	Ind. Res.	
Wednesday 9/19		
Women's Field Hockey vs. Northeastern	7:00 p.m.	

Schedules

Friday 9/21		
Women's Soccer vs. Connecticut	4:00 p.m.	
Men's Soccer at DePaul	5:00 p.m.	
Saturday 9/22		
Women's Tennis at Rhode Island	9:00 a.m.	
Women's Volleyball at Maryland-East	5:00 p.m.	
Sunday 9/23		
Women's Tennis at Rhode Island	9:00 a.m.	
Women's Field Hockey at Maine	12:00 p.m.	
Men's Soccer at South Florida	1:00 p.m.	
Women's Soccer at Fairfield	1:00 p.m.	
Women's Volleyball at Fairfield	1:00 p.m.	
Wednesday 9/26		
Women's Field Hockey at Harvard	7:00 p.m.	

Standings

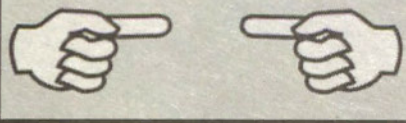
Men's Big East Blue Soccer Standings (9/18)

Teams	BIG EAST	Overall
Connecticut	1-0	6-0-0
Notre Dame	1-0	3-1-1
West Virginia	0-0	4-1-0
Providence	0-0	3-2-0
Seton Hall	0-0	3-3-0
Pittsburgh	0-0	1-4-1
Marquette	0-1	1-3-1
Georgetown	0-1	1-4-0

USTFCCCA Women's Cross Country Rankings

Rank	Team	Points		
	14. Iowa	176		
1. Stanford	384		15. NC St.	175
2. Michigan	368		16. Princeton	161
3. Colorado	366		17. Duke	160
4. Arkansas	344		18. Colorado St.	151
5. Wisconsin	340		19. Washington	145
6. Illinois	308		20. Virginia Tech	143
7. Arizona St.	294		21. Georgetown	138
8. Minnesota	292		22. Baylor	135
9. Providence	290		23. BYU	123
10. Michigan St.	249		24. Oregon	111
11. Virginia	233		25. Texas Tech	97
12. Florida St.	226		26. Tennessee	76
13. Georgia	183		27. Notre Dame	67

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Do you think Commissioner Roger Goodell's punishment for Coach Bill Belichick and the New England Patriots for using an illegal video camera in a game against the Jets fair?

The punishment handed down to the New England Patriots late last week was fair.

I mean, let's be honest. These are not players cheating. This is an entire coaching staff—the guys brought in to use their heads, make decisions, and set the rules for the players. While I'm sure some will praise Coach Bill Belichick by saying that "he does what it takes to win," this is not a game of rock, paper, scissors, or sucker-punch-to-the-face. Any and all bias aside, what the Patriots did represents a blatant attempt to create an unfair advantage.

True, football has its other problems. They range from player run-ins with steroids (Shawne Merriman) to player run-ins with the law (Tank Johnson, Pacman Jones, or that dog-fighting quarterback guy). But NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell did the right thing here. He got his point across.

Some will say a suspension should also have been merited, but it would have done little extra to deter future behavior. Fining the guilty coach half a million dollars should take care of that. Also by fining the Patriots \$250,000, you put Robert Kraft, and every other NFL owner, on the spot to police their own houses. And by taking away draft picks, you firmly establish that cheating teams will not just be punished financially, but also in the best on-field way possible.

By handling this quickly, appropriately, and efficiently, Goodell is attempting to bury this videotaping practice before it becomes a trend, so that he and his staff can continue to work out football's other problems.

—Drew Goucher '08

Remember, Cowl readers . . . we want to hear from you! Just e-mail your questions either about PC sports or sports in general to cowlsports@gmail.com, and we'll do our best to answer them—and stir up a little debate if we can!

Thanks,
The Cowl Sports Staff

What Belichick and the New England Patriots did was wrong; it was a violation of NFL rules. The league was clear on what exactly was allowed on the sidelines. No excuses here and the Patriots know it.

That being said, they are probably not the only team that did it. Videotaping of coaches and other less than legal moves have been common among coaches. Likely, what they did didn't even give them much, if any, advantage against the Jets.

But they broke the rules and were caught. They should have been and were punished. Was it too harsh? Well, that is not an easy yes or no. This has never happened, there is no precedent. Now this is the standard. If a coach gets caught for this type of infraction again, we have something to gauge the league's reaction.

There has been a severe overreaction to what happened on those sidelines in the Meadowlands. It was just a taping of signals, this tape for only a portion of the first quarter. You can steal signals by other means such as photos or the naked eye. This is nothing that is unavailable to the sidelines as it is. Taping provides little to no advantage. This is however a violation of the rules, and is thus a basis for punishment, which has since taken place.

Some observers have claimed that this taints the Patriots' recent run of greatness. That's moronic. The Patriots won with talent and strategy. The possibility of knowing the other team's plays, of which this taping does not guarantee, is not a substitute for preparation or execution, something the Patriots have done better than anyone else in the past six seasons.

—Ryan Holt '09

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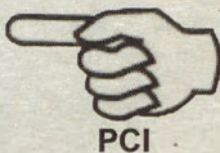
Last week's results:

Which Major League Baseball divisional race is going to be more exciting in the final weeks of the regular season—A.L. East or N.L. East—or are both races essentially over already?

42 % **Bradley Chen**—Both races are over.

29 % **Erin Redihan**—The Yankees are still alive.

29 % **Neither**—Both writers missed something.



FRIAR FANTASY FOCUS

With Sports Staffer Ryan Holt '09

Play Him:

Tom Brady, QB NE — He has a top receiver set for the first time in years. With the unlimited options of Randy Moss, Wes Welker, Donte Stallworth, Jabar Gaffney, and potent TE Benjamin Watson, Brady has already thrown six TDs and has averaged just under 300 yards per game. With a game against a weak Buffalo team, look for him to keep up this pace.

LaDainian Tomlinson, RB SD — LT has had a rough start to the year, rushing for only 68 yards and one TD in the opening two games. This has to change. LT is just too good to keep this pace up. Look for him to have a breakout game against the Packers this week. The Pack is 2-0, but the Chargers are coming off a stinging loss at NE and should be looking to bounce back.

Sit Him:

Brian Westbrook, RB PHI — He's rushed for a decent amount of yards in his first two games, but no TDs. Not only that, but he looks hurt too. He sprained his knee in last week's game against the Redskins but did not and is not expected to miss any playing time. This could hinder his performance, however, and if you have a strong number three RB, consider replacing Westbrook for this week.

Drew Brees, QB NO — He's been just plain bad so far, one TD, three INT, with a measly QB Rating of 66.4. Now I know I told you to be patient with LT, but this is different. Brees has an injury in his past, and is facing a good defensive Titan team this weekend. If you have a number two you can trust, use him.

NFL News:

Atlanta: Falcons signed quarterback Byron Leftwich to a two-year deal on Tuesday that could reach \$7 million.

Dallas: Cowboys signed defensive tackle Tank Johnson on Tuesday, but he won't play until Week Nine due to his suspension.

FRIARS Update

A recap of the week in Providence sports

Volleyball Undefeated in Friar Classic

The Providence College Women's Volleyball Team really stepped up on its home turf last weekend, winning all three of its matchups at the Fourth Annual Friar Classic, held here at PC.

The Friars swept St. Francis College, 3-0, on Friday, Sept. 14. Juniors Elizabeth Flynn, Jeanette Toney, and Sara Sheehan all posted great games in the win. Flynn, Toney, and senior Sarah Fleming led the way on the attack, posting 14, nine, and eight kills respectively. Sheehan was the playmaker, with 33 assists, and juniors Kelly Krahenbuhl and Aida Cadres held down the defense with 10 and eight digs, respectively.

On Saturday, Sept. 15, Providence romped 3-0, 3-0 over Coppin State and Sacred Heart en route to clinching the Friar Volleyball Classic. Fleming and Flynn dominated the Coppin State match with 17 and 14 kills, while Sheehan posted 39 assists. And this time Krahenbuhl and senior Kasey Adinolfi had the defense going, leading with 12 and nine kills. Against Sacred Heart it was more of the same, as PC's 3-0 victory margin was made up of scores of 30-16, 30-21, and 30-24. Fleming, Flynn, and Toney all reached double figures in kills, while Sheehan had a whopping 49 assists. Krahenbuhl, Adinolfi, and Cadres all reached double figures in digs, as well, en route to an important win.

Volleyball returns to action Saturday, Sept. 22, against Maryland Eastern Shore.

Tennis Plays in West Point Invitational

Providence College's Women's Tennis spent the weekend at West Point, NY, for the ITA Eastern Championships, held at the US Military Academy.

The number one doubles team was one of the highlights on the weekend for the team. Made up of junior Amy McDevitt and freshman Ayashi Sinha, the pairing won its first match against Sacred Heart before falling to Bucknell later on Friday. Saturday saw the pairing go 1-1 as well, as they defeated Hofstra before running into a strong St. John's duo.

The team's next event is the URI

Duals, which will start this Saturday, Sept. 22, at 9:00 a.m.

PC Runners Soar at BC Invite

The Providence College Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams are off and running after successfully competing in their second meet of the season. On Friday, Sept. 14, both teams traveled to Franklin Park in Boston, Mass., to race in the Boston College Invitational. The men's team finished second in a field of nine teams with 52 points, falling only to Syracuse. The Lady Friars placed fifth out of 10 teams with 116 points. They were defeated by Syracuse, Boston College, Oklahoma State, and Wake Forest, respectively.

On the men's side, three out of the top-five individual finishers were Friars. Sophomore Tom Webb led the way for PC with a second-place finish in a time of 24:24. In a race to the finish, Webb was only steps behind the leader, Patrick Mellea, of Boston College, who crossed the finish line just one second later. Already making a strong impact on the team is freshman David McCarthy, who finished fourth in a time of 24:31. Senior Ahmed Haji captured fifth place, finishing the race in 24:38.

On the women's side, some of the Friars were also able to cross the finish line early on. Junior Danette Doetzel led the Friars with a third-place individual finish, completing the course in a time of 17:25. Doetzel finished the race only 11 seconds behind the first-place runner. Senior Michelle Childs completed the race in 12th place in a time of 17:48, followed by sophomore Krystal Douglas in 16th place with a time of 17:55.

As the teams race through the season, they will be concentrating on maintaining their lofty ranking within their division. Currently, the women's team is ranked No. 1, while the men's squad is No. 2 in the Northeast region. The Friars will return to action on Friday, Sept. 28, as a strong contender in the Notre Dame Invitational in South Bend, Ind.

—Compiled by Drew Goucher '08 and Mollie Quinn '09

Chen: Belichick Spying

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whether his record should stand.

The National Basketball Association had the Detroit-Indiana brawl a few years ago, which did not help the NBA's thug-image. Most recently, Tim Donaghy, a referee, brought the league's fear to life, when he admitted to point-shaving; attempting to change the outcome of the game to benefit himself and other gamblers.

Gregg Easterbrook of ESPN said, "Fifteen years ago, the NBA was going up, up by every measure and was widely considered the gold plated can't miss sport of the next century."

Is the National Football League in the same position as the NBA was 15 years ago when the NBA had its own scandals?

Let's hope not. Luckily, Goodell does not allow monkey business. Players like Pacman Jones, Chris Henry and others are now being held to a stronger league standard that should clean up the NFL.

Shouldn't a coach be held to an even higher standard? To find a coach guilty of illegally stealing information from another team is quite serious. Some say the penalty of a \$500,000 personal fine for Belichick and a probable first round draft pick is too harsh. Others hoped for Belichick to be suspended or forfeit the game against the Jets. Goodell seems to claim this will be the only "incident" and will not happen again.

He has ordered all the evidence to be handed over, or face a more serious penalty. This brings up another point. How much evidence is there? How long have

the Patriots been taping other teams play-calling and how much of an advantage has it given them over the years?

The Patriots played the Chargers last week, but saw them last year in the playoffs. Did sign-stealing give the Patriots another advantage in Week Two? There are so many questions out there, yet it is doubtful the public will get all of the answers that they seek.

It is amazing that with so much money put into sports teams that expectations for players have risen as well. Players know if they cannot get the job done, they will be replaced with someone who can. Therefore they look to give themselves the advantage they need. Coaches, just like players, will be replaced if they cannot get the job done.

Belichick was by no means on his way out. In fact, he could probably take control of the team from owner Bob Kraft. He had just signed a contract extension that week and will forever have the good graces for New England fans because of the championships he has delivered. So why did he think he needed the Jets play-calls? His team is stacked with great new additions and has all the components to win that fourth ring.

That is what makes cheating such a phenomena. If you can get an advantage over your opponent, we rarely think twice about the negative effects. So it is pretty safe to say that Belichick will hang up his tuxedo and spying missions as James Bond, but there will always be new and different ways to cheat in all professional sports. What's next and when will it be used?

Women's Soccer Earns First Win at Home

BY MIKE SPRINGER '08
ASSET. SPORTS EDITOR

It was not so much a sign of how talented they are, but rather a sign of their team's depth and their willingness to fight through the tough times, as the Providence College Women's Soccer Team showed this weekend during its 1-0 victory over the University of Hartford.

"This win says a lot about our team's spirit and mentality," said freshman forward Mara Whaley after the game. "It shows that we can find ways to push through losses and injuries and still find ways to win the game."

Six different starting lineups due to injuries had given way to allow freshman midfielder Lindsey Turbia to make her second career start Friday, Sept. 14, as the Friars kicked off their home-stand against the University of Hartford. But five minutes into the game, Turbia found herself on the ground, nursing an injury and what appeared to be another major blow for the Friars. And Once again, Friar Head Coach Jim McGirr had to reach down into his bench to fill the void.

Rallying around their fallen teammate, the Friars put the pressure on the Hawks. Less than a minute after the injury to Turbia, senior midfielder Danielle Wieneke looked to put the Friars ahead, with a kick that sailed just above the crossbars. The Friars wouldn't squander their next opportunity, which came just 20 seconds later at the 39:24 mark during the first stanza of play.

Whaley seized an opportunity off of the Friar's corner kick, belting the ball into the net beyond the reach of the Hawks' goalkeeper Elizabeth Cook, for her first collegiate goal. Whaley was assisted on the play by junior back Christie Gent, who leads the Friars with two assists on the year.

Junior forward Victoria Neff continued to apply pressure on the Hawks' keeper, with her team-leading four shot attempts, three of which were on goal. Neff's best opportunity to score came at the 27:35 mark in the first stanza when she fell down as she sent a powerful kick that was caught by the diving Cook.



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Senior Lauren Vecchione is part of a strong Friar defense that held Hartford scoreless on Friday, Sept. 14, helping the team record its first shut out—as well as its first win—of the 2007 season.

"Victoria has been tremendous with her opportunities and we stress that we'd like to see her get more opportunities for herself and be selfish in a way that helps this team's success," said McGirr.

Relying on tough defense again, senior keeper Laura Elfers had her first shutout of the season and Wieneke led the Friars'

defense, helping PC stave off the Hawks and hold on for the win.

"Our defense has been one of our most stable positions over these last few years, allowing us to really grow and build there, forming a strong and cohesive defensive unit," said Wieneke after the Friars' weekend series.

Again, it was the Friars' defense that was needed most during their 3-0 loss to the Quinnipiac University, on Sunday, Sept. 15, as their offense took another major blow with an ankle injury to sophomore forward Jill Camburn, last year's leader in points and goals.

Even after sustaining another significant injury, the Friars continued to show their poise and determination against the Bobcats, as their aggressive attack and play controlled the game early on.

During the 35:01 minute mark in the first period, sophomore midfielder Tara Ricciardi took a hard hit from Bobcat Sara Lawlor, which set-up a penalty kick for the Friars. Friar sophomore Nicole Benko lined up for penalty-kick, but it just missed, bouncing off the top of the crossbar and was cleared by the Bobcats.

Only a minute later, Friar junior midfielder Kimberly Pine took a shot from 18 yards out that side just wide to the left.

Weineke had her own opportunity to score for the Friars, when she had a break-away shortly after at the 29:72 mark. But her shot fell short of the net and into the arms of Quinnipiac goalkeeper Justine Lombardi for her fifth save of the game.

The missed scoring opportunities caught up to the Friars at the Lauren Peacock nailed a shot to the lower left post, putting the Bobcats up 1-0.

Fatigue and injuries began to catch-up to the Friars in the second stanza when Bobcat Amber Sidoti scored her first of two goals of the game at the 63:26 mark, heading the ball into the corner of the net.

Sidoti's second goal came moments later when Elfers came out of the net at the 76:36 mark to challenge her. Elfers was then called for a penalty on her slide-tackle that set-up the ensuing penalty-kick and final score for the Bobcats.

"We had some very good full chances to score, but we couldn't score on our full chances, let alone our half chances," McGirr said.

PC returns to action this Friday, Sept. 21, at 4:00 p.m. to take on No. 23 Connecticut at home before traveling to Fairfield, Conn. to take on Fairfield University on Sunday, Sept. 23, at 1:00 p.m. Following this week's split, the

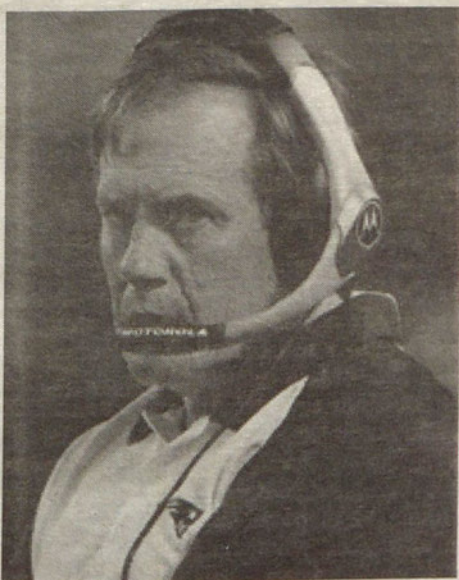
Cheer For the Real Stars—On and Off the Field

BY ERIN REDIHAN '08
SPORTS EDITOR

There's no getting around it: The conduct of many college and professional athletes leaves a lot to be desired. Now this is not a blanket statement, but it is one that I have put a lot of thought into, particularly due to some recent stories that have made local and national headlines. What is most disturbing about these incidents is not always the details, but how the fans have continued to support these stars and act as though no wrongs have been done.

Case One: This issue may classify as old news, but I think it is worth some discussion. Patriots quarterback Tom Brady became a father on Aug. 22 when his ex-girlfriend Bridget Moynahan gave birth to a baby boy. Now normally having a child is not bad news; however, Brady made it clear that his team will come before his child. Instead of being upset about this, Patriots fans are proud of Brady's dedication to the franchise. I have to wonder if Brady were not a Pro-Bowl quarterback, would people still view the situation the same way? What if Brady was a CEO or some type of businessman? I have to think that his peers would think less of him if he decided that his career came first and that family did not matter.

Case Two: Again, this may not still qualify as news, but the backlash from the event and its effects are still being discussed on sports radio and in local papers. Last Sunday, the New England Patriots made national headlines when an illegal video camera was confiscated from the sidelines of their game against the New York Jets. This week, Commissioner Roger Goodell fined the team \$250,000 and Head Coach Bill Belichick an additional \$500,000—the league's maximum penalty. Now Goodell has called upon the Pats to turn over all



COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES

Patriots head coach Bill Belichick found himself in the spotlight this week after the NFL fined him \$500,000 for having an unauthorized videocamera on the sidelines during the Jets game on Sept. 9.

tapes and notes related to the sanctions. Rather than expressing disgust with Belichick and his staff, Pats fans and local sports talk radio hosts have largely stood behind the team, saying that the team should do whatever it can to get an advantage. And while expressing disappointment in his head coach, Pats owner Robert Kraft has reportedly offered Belichick a contract extension through 2013.

Case Three: Last week, former football star O.J. Simpson was arrested and charged with first-degree kidnapping and conspiracy to commit robbery among other offenses in Las Vegas for attempting to steal some memorabilia set to be auctioned. Simpson has been seemingly

unable to stay on the right side of the law since the end of his career. He even wrote a book, detailing how the murder of his wife would have gone down—had he committed the crime. While some folks are rightfully horrified by even the thought of this, the book, *If I Did It*, is currently one of the top sellers on Amazon.com.

I could go on. I could talk about the six Texas Longhorn football players that have been arrested since June. Or the steroids scandal plaguing Major League Baseball. I won't even mention Michael Vick. Or the seemingly endless doping problem faced by USA and World Cycling. The point is that athletes are far from the role models that society glorifies them as. I am not saying that this is a new problem. There have been cases of bad behavior reaching as far back as the beginning of pro leagues in the United States and around the world.

No sport is immune to poor sportsmanship and general delinquency. Even my beloved Boston Red Sox have a spotty history. The Sox were the last Major League team to sign an African American player because of the owners' racist sentiments.

I am not telling you to stop watching sports. I, for one, am definitely going to keep watching. I just think it is essential to be aware of exactly what you are supporting. Just stop and think before you wear that Gary Sheffield jersey or before you shell out a few weeks' paychecks for box seats. It seems that fans tend to let athletes' on-field performances cover for their moral shortcomings. For example, California-ans continue to cheer for Kobe Bryant despite the rape allegations, yet Shaquille O'Neal gets almost no love.

Since athletes are not all that different from the rest of the population, it is important that they are held to the same moral standards. Granted, it is not easy to constantly be in the public eye and to

have your every move scrutinized by the media, many of them are earning millions of dollars to do so. Pro athletes are nothing without the fans cheering them on and spending hundreds of dollars on game tickets and souvenirs. In return, they have the responsibility to serve the public by providing entertainment and acting as role models.

As I said before, athletes behaving badly

“Athletes behaving badly is not a universal theme. There are perhaps just as many good guys in sports as there are bad; we just do not hear about them nearly as often.”

Erin Redihan '08

is not a universal theme. There are perhaps just as many good guys in sports as there are bad; we just do not hear about them nearly as often. Jim Thome's giving two season tickets to the fan who caught his 500th home run ball is proof. Rick Reilly's column in *Sports Illustrated* regularly reminds us that some athletes make great role models. It just seems at times that various scandals and tantrums make the news ahead of good works because these stories sell. But is this the message that our society should be sending? One fan decrying an athlete's misdeeds will not make a difference, but if no one bids for a Barry Bonds milestone home run ball, the point will be made. While the fans cannot necessarily force a star to change his behavior, it is up to each spectator to hold him accountable for his actions on and off the field. In the end, it is the responsibility of society to encourage its athletes to be models both in and away from the spotlight.

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Soccer Scores Much-Needed Win Over Crusaders

BY ERIN REDIHAN '08
SPORTS EDITOR

In Big East soccer, there's no such thing as a meaningless game. When a team plays in arguably the second best conference in the country, it needs to win almost every time it takes the field to secure a spot in the conference tournament in hopes of being selected to play in the NCAA Tournament.

After losing to Harvard in its last game on Sept. 9, the Providence College Men's Soccer Team knew it needed a win to carry some momentum into its Big East schedule. The team was 2-2 in non-conference games going into its matchup with Holy Cross on Saturday, Sept. 15. While the Friars had managed wins against Sacred Heart and Northeastern, they had lost to both the ranked teams they had faced—No. 17 University of Rhode Island and No. 13 Harvard.

While Holy Cross was not a ranked team, the Friars knew better than to take this game for granted.

"Every game is important," said senior Hadrian Toure last week, before facing the Crusaders. "At the end of the year, every game matters. If we don't show up for a game and have a bad loss, it could be devastating."

This is the mindset the team took to the field on Saturday. With two losses even before the start of their conference slate, the Friars could not afford another and still hope to hear their name called during the NCAA Tournament selection.



COURTESY OF SPORTS INFO

Preseason All-American Senior Ryan Maduro scored his first goal of the season on Sunday, Sept. 16, against Holy Cross.

"It was a tough-fought game," said Head Coach Chaka Daley. "They're a scrappy, physical team, much improved from last year. They're going to win some games for sure."

Both teams came out shooting early on Saturday. Friar junior goalie Timothy Murray made a diving save in the third minute to keep the game scoreless. Ten minutes later, Providence squandered its

first scoring chance when senior Michael Narciso's pass to classmate Ryan Maduro went wide of the goal.

Five minutes later, Maduro fired a shot past Crusader goalkeeper Thomas Booth for his first goal of the season. Sophomore Jonathan Medcalf, who has two goals in 2007, set up the score.

"The goal relieves pressure for both us and him," said Daley. "It makes him feel good again and shows that his hard work has paid off. We hope this scoring will become contagious."

Maduro missed a chance to make the lead more comfortable in the 66th minute, but the lone goal was all the Friars needed to defeat the Crusaders and enter their Big East season with a 3-2-0 record.

"It is conceivable that we could be 5-0, but there's a reason we're 3-2," said Daley. "We have a lot of things we need to tidy up quickly if we're going to win some Big East games."

The win gave Murray his second shutout this year and his third win overall.

This week, the Friars will take to the road for two away matches at DePaul on Friday, Sept. 21, and South Florida on Sunday, Sept. 23.

"We've never been to DePaul," said Daley. "I think this is the teams' first-ever meeting. That's what makes it interesting. We're just going to give them all they can handle."

"Any Big East game is difficult, especially when they make up the heart of your season. There's no familiarity when you play 11 single games as we do."

Football's James Bond Gets Caught

BY BRADLEY CHEN '08
SPORTS STAFF

The name is Belichick. Bill Belichick. Jose Conseco and steroids. Tim Donaghy and point shaving. Bill Belichick and spying? Yes, one of the National Football League's finest coaches of all time was found guilty by Commissioner Roger Goodell for using video equipment to steal signs from the New York Jets in Week One. Will this incident taint the way we view the NFL?

Goodell, who took over last year, has been attempting to run a no-nonsense league. Can you blame him? Football, like it or not, baseball fans, is America's favorite sport.

America's pastime—baseball—has more attention on it than maybe any other league. It makes you wonder, if you took a poll: What word would come to mind when the word "steroids" comes up? Steroids? Cheating? Scandal?

This era, going back to the 1980s, will forever be known as the steroid era. Nearly every week it seems that someone has been accused of using illegal substances.

Mark McGwire's testimony in front of the House Committee in 2005 was embarrassing to watch. He pleaded the Fifth Amendment, refusing to speak about his possible use of steroids. Now, with a new home-run "king", everyone asks

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PC FIELD HOCKEY HITS BUMP IN ROAD

BY DAN OLLQUIST '10
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If "defense wins championships," as the cliché saying implies, then the Providence College Field Hockey Team is well on its way to capturing a Big East title. This past week, the

Friars took on fellow Big East member Georgetown and non-conference foe, Northeastern, and in both cases, the PC defense again proved to be extremely tough.

On Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Providence College Field Hockey and Lacrosse complex, the women in and black and white took on the Huskies of Northeastern University. NU, who entered the game at 2-4, was a much more dangerous team than their record indicated, and against PC, the Huskies showed why they should not be taken lightly.

The first half remained a tight battle, marked by air-tight defense on both sides. "The entire defense is playing together as a unit," said sophomore goalkeeper Rachel Chamberlain.

"Michalagh Stoddard is one of the top defensive players in the country and she has been the leader for us on the defensive end," Chamberlain said.

Fifteen minutes into the contest however, the Huskies' attack broke down the PC defensive and slipped a goal past Chamberlain to give NU a 1-0 advantage.

Northeastern took that 1-0 lead to the locker room and continued to frustrate the Friar attack with their intense defense.

"We weren't moving fast enough on offense," noted sopho-



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Senior Michalagh Stoddard is tied for the team lead in points with eight on the season, two of which came on goals in the Friars' 5-0 defeat of Georgetown in their Big East opener.

more forward Nellie Poulin. "In order to be successful, we need to be running on all cylinders for the entire game."

Unfortunately for PC, the offense was never able to kick it into that "second gear." The closest that Providence came towards getting on the scoreboard came at the very end of the first half when PC got a very good look off a penalty corner. The shot however, ricocheted off the post, ending the Friar scoring opportunity.

When all was said and done, Northeastern had escaped with a 1-0 victory. The game was even both on the field as well as on the stat sheet. Providence was outshot by Northeastern by only two and took only one lost penalty corner than the Huskies.

Providence just simply couldn't catch a break on offense and do to their inability to find the net, they were left with just their first lost in their last five games.

On Saturday, Sept. 15, the PC attack was on top of its game, helping the Friars kick off their conference schedule with a bang. Taking on an up-and-coming Georgetown team, PC made sure to steal momentum quickly into the contest.

At the 10:38 mark in the first half, senior Michalagh Stoddard broke a scoreless tie, finding the net on a direct shot off a penalty corner, helping jumpstart a potent Friar offensive attack.

Later in the first half, senior Abby Maguire and freshman sensation Julie Ruggieri added goals

to give PC a 3-0 lead heading into the halftime intermission.

"Our offense really feeds off each other," said Head Coach Diane Madl. "Goals were hard to come by early in the season, but now we are playing with a lot of confidence on the offensive end and that's leading to positive results on the scoreboard."

The second half was almost a mirror image of the first, as Maguire and Stoddard each connected on their second goals of the game, giving the Friars a 5-0 victory.

Going overlooked by the strong Friar attack on offense, was the lockdown defense that has become a staple of the 2007 team. Chamberlain recorded her fourth shutout in her last five games and lowered her goals against average to 0.61, ranking her number two in the nation in that category.

In addition to Chamberlain's efforts, PC has been lead by their senior leader, Stoddard, on the defensive end.

"Our defense works well because we play together as a team," said Madl. "As a senior, Stoddard has anchored the defensive attack and has led by example all season."

The win against Georgetown marked Providence's first in league play. After the game, Coach Madl reflected on the importance of starting league play off on the right foot saying, "This was a huge win for us. Our goal this season is to win the conference and we took our first step in doing so against Georgetown."

This coming week, Providence will play two road games, at the University of Maine on Sunday, Sept. 23, and at Harvard on Wednesday, Sept. 26.